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The body of one victim dangles from a railing surrounded by others following Wednesday's shelling of a crowded Sarajevo street (AFP photo)

### Shells slam into Sarajevo, kill at least 37, wound 88

Bosnian leader demands world action or end to arms embargo to allow self-defence

SARAJEVO (Agencies) -At least 37 people were killed and another 88 wounded in Sarajevo when two shells imed into the centre of the city on Monday, leaving glass lying in pools of blood. Morgue officials and doctors at the two main hospitals

said the casualty figures could One shell landed at the

entrance to a busy covered market on a main street and the other near the national theatre a few blocks away. About 10 of the casualties were from the second shell.

"Killers, bastards, they all deserve to be slaughtered," screamed a woman covered

in blood outside the market a few minutes after the blast. Bosnian state radio blamed separatist Serb gunners who have laid siege to the city since April 1992 for the

The Bosnian Serbs accused the Sarajevo government of

Dead and dying lay sprawled outside the city's covered Tranica market, struck. Monday's massacre occurred within 100 metres of the open-air Markale marketplace where a shell killed 68 people and wounded 200 others in February 1994.

Bodies were draped where they fell over steel railings separating pedestrians from vehicles on Titova street. Passers-by helped the

wounded into private vehicles and drove them to hospital with borns blaring and lights flashing to clear the

"Mommy I've lost my hand, I've lost my hand," said a little girl cradled in the arms of her mother in the back of a reporter's car pressed into service as an ambu-

more than three years ago, Bosnian Serb radio also claimed that retaliatory mortar fire from government positions struck at wedding procession in the Serb-held Sarajevo suburb of Ilidza. wounding about 50 people.

Soon after the attack, the Bosnian government suggested it may suspend meetings with American diplomats attempting to reactivate the peace process unless the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO) carries out more air strikes against the

U,N, officials said air strikes remained a possibility but not before the origin of the shell was established. Bosnian Television images

Israeli moves threaten

United Nations officials showed blood pooling in the of artillery fire on peoples — many of them government being Samples and the which the been under tage street. Some people's limbs by separatist Serb forces were blown off, one old since wer in Rosala equated man's head had split open, his motorcycle still between

his legs. Some bodies literally fell apart as people tried to lift them into cars. Vehicles, horns blaring, sped to hospitals with the wounded.

At Kosevo, the main hospital, the rush of victims was so overwhelming that many people with shrapnel wounds were forced to wait outside. Inside, the more seriously wounded were crowded in halls and patient rooms,

"I could just hear screaming," said Nihada Had-zlahmic, describing the first moments after the shell landed. She said she felt something cut into her legs -

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### King visits Oman today

By a Jordan Thues Staff Reporter

AMMAN - His Majesty gins an official visit to Oman for talks with Sultan Qaboos Ben Sa'id on bilateral ties and recent developments in

the Arab arena.

During the visit, which was decided in June, King Hussein and Sultan Qaboos will also tackle inter-Arab relations and means of enhancing

"The two leaders will discuss developments in the re-gion, bilateral ties and means of improving them," Foreign Minister Abdul Karim Kabariti said. Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker will

accompany the King.
Mr. Kabariti said that the talks, which will be held in the Omani city of Salaleh, will also cover means of activating Arab coordination, achieving Arab solidarity and "overcoming Arab differences in order to be able to deal with the coming era."

The Middle East and North Africa economic summit, which will be held in Amman in October, will also be addressed by King Hus-sein and Sultan Osboos, Mr. Kaband said.

The visit comes at a time when Jordan is making strong headway in its efforts to restore relations with Arab Gulf states, with which ties suffered a strain over differences on the Gulf crisis and war.

The most tangible success was registered earlier this month when the Kingdom and Saudi Arabia edged closer towards sealing reconciliation. The process will be crowned by a summit that King Hussein and King Fahd Abdul Aziz will hold "soon" after about five years of estrangement. The encounter will be the first between the two leaders since the Gulf

their worst level. Signs of reconciliation with Kuwait also started appear-ing this month after the defection to the Kingdom of Lieutenant General Hussein Kamel Al Hassan, Iraq's former minister of industries and a son-in-law of President

war pushed relations between Jordan and Saudi Arabia to

Saddam Hussein. The Gulf states said they were happy with Jordan's decision to offer asylum to Gen. Hassan and the Kingdom's criticism of Iraqi policies.

But while the new developments concerning Iraq are believed to have played a role in accelerating the healing of the rift between Jordan and Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. the Kingdom and Oman have, despite the different stands they took on the Gulf war, enjoyed what officials describe as excellent rela-

tions. Jordanian and Omani officials have exchanged visits and the two sides have maintained cooperation in politic-

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Ephraim Sneh shake hands after signing an agreement on cooperation at Um Qais on Monday (photo by Yousef Allan)

### Crown Prince, Peres review progress on bilateral accords

Agreement signed on cooperation in health, go-head given to drafting of transport accord

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan and Israel on Monday signed an agreement on cooperation in health affairs and reviewed progress in negotiations on other similar accords between them in line with their Oct. 26 peace treaty and issues related to the Middle East and North Africa economic summit scheduled to be held in October.

The review was held by His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres at a meeting held in the Jordan Valley. The Jordan News Agency, Petra, said various sub-committees conducting the actual negotiations presented their reports to the Crown Prince and Mr. Peres during the meeting, which was also attended by the Jordanian and Israeli transport ministers, Samir Kawar and Yistael Kessar.

Petra said Mr. Kawar and Mr. Kesser held on earlier round of talks and reached agreement on finalising an accord on transport. It did not give details.

According to sources who spoke to the Jordan Times prior to the meeting, Israel and Jordan had differed over several issues, including the number. frequency and capacity of flights between Jordan and Israel, whether to have a

separate terminals at an expanded Aqaba airport to serve both countries, the use of bridges across the River Jordan, and the altitude that Royal Jordanian, the Kingdom's national carrier, could use while flying through Israeli airspace.

The sources, who preferred anonymity, had also expressed hope that the meeting between the Crown Prince and Mr. Peres was an indication that the two sides would reach solutions to the outstanding issues.

> It was also expected that the meeting would decide on a date for signing an accord immediately known whether (Continued on page 7)

### Saddam lashes at U.S. buildup, denies charges Kuwait hopes for data on missing

President Saddam Hussein lashed out at the United States on Monday, accusing the Americans of making false accusations against Iraq in order to move troops into

the region. The Iraqi leader has maintained a relatively low profile since the Aug. 8 defection of two of his daughters and their high-ranking husbands to

> But following a cabinet meeting on Monday, President Saddam said the United States was waging an anti-Iraq media campaign so it could maintain tough sanctions on Iraq and strengthen its military presence in the Middle East.

"Where is the (U.S.) credibility when it concentrates warships and troops in the Gulf region and the Mediterranean under a false pretext, which alleges that

BAGHDAD (Agencies) - Iraq intends to invade Jordan, Kuwait and Saudi Arabia?" he said in a statement.

The Clinton administration said earlier this month that it had detected "unusual" Iraqi troop movements south of Baghdad. In addition one of the Iraqi defectors, Hussein Kamel Hassan, said Iraq had been plotting to invade neighbouring states. The plan was cancelled in the wake of

the defections, he said. President Saddam denied any invasion plans, saying the accusations were "false stands aimed at misleading

public opinion." The Americans believe "that the Iraqis do not understand the depth or the dimensions of this new game," he

But, he added, "the Iraqis have shown unity and...the evil aggressors have been disappointed once again." U.S. troops are conducting that were planned long before this month's develop-Kuwait have been moved forward as a precautionary mea-

United Nations sanctions, imposed after Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, have contributed to runaway inflation and led to shortages of many items, ranging from medicine to spare parts for cars and industrial machinery. President Saddam has

made a number of conciliatory gestures recently in a bid to get the painful sanctions lifted. The Iraqi economy is based largely on oil exports which are barred under the sanctions.

After years of concealing details of its weapons programme, Iraq has turned over large amounts of information

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#### expected self-rule deal Siege of Jericho, order to close Jerusalem institutions cast clouds over peace talks Israeli-PLO autonomy talks OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (Agencies) - Israel on Mon-

day ordered three Palestinian institutions in Arab East Jerusalem closed and briefly barred a Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) security chief from joining negotia-tions in Eilat, casting a sha-dow over peace moves with the PLO. Palestinians hurled stones

at Israeli soldiers at an army roadblock outside Jericho to protest against the six-day closure of their town.

The Israeli army has kept Jericho sealed since last Wednesday to press demands that Palestinian police hand over militants wanted in two recent bus bombings in Israel. Israel ringed the town with roadblocks, barring anyone from entering or leaving. In Monday's protest. several dozen demonstrators hurled stones at Israeli soldiers who were enforcing the closure at the Vered Yericho

checkpoint at the southern entrance of the desert oasis. Some carried Palestinian After a few minutes, Palestinian police arrived at the scene and stopped the stone-throwing. Israeli troops

called in reinforcements, but

did not act against protesters.

The closure of Jericho also ied to a brief suspension of

The Palestinian delegation said it would only resume talks once one of its senior negotiators. West Bank security chief Jibril Rajoub, won a permit to travel from his headquarters in Jericho to Eilat. Israel defused the crisis and let Mr.: Rajoub leave Jericho. The continuation of the

Israeli closure of Jericho by the Israeli soldiers is becoming a dangerous issue that needs an immediate solution by all levels," said Marwan Kanafani, spokesman for PLO Chairman Yasser Ara-

fat.
"We just cannot have negotiations in Eilat and act like nothing is happening while Israel is imposing unjustified closure in the city." Mr. Rajoub complained of what he said were Israeli strong-arm tactics. "We cannot go on like this, the Israelis are acting like they own Jericho. We cannot live in Jericho under their mercy," Mr. Rajoub told the

Associated Press. Mr. Rajoub's agents have been searching homes in Jericho to try and find militants suspected of involvement in hus bombings on July 24 in Tel Aviv and Aug. 21 in Jerusalem, On Saturday, two

suspects were sentenced by a Jericho military tribunal to seven and 12 years, respectively, for being members of the bombing ring.

Israel says the two men were involved, among other things, in Monday's bombing of a Jerusalem city bus last week in which five people were killed and more than 100 wounded.

In Jerusalem, senior PLO official Faisal Al Husseini said a regional meeting on tourism in Cairo was being suspended over Israel's closure of Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem.

"This process cannot continue or be concluded under this atmosphere which is imposed by Israel and which strengthens the Israeli right-wing," Mr. Husseini said. Israel and the PLO are close to an agreement ex-

panding Palestinian self-rule in the West Bank. The sides last week finished drafting a merged version of the agreement and are due to start tackling remaining points of contention. But Israeli police on Monday delivered closure orders

to what they said were the Palestinian Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), the Palestinian Council of Health

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### Kuwait raises prospects for normal ties with Jordan source added.

KUWAIT CITY (Agencies) — Kuwait on Monday welcomed Jordanian criticism of Iraq, saying a speech by King Hussein last week was an important step towards reestablishing links severed in the 1990 Gulf

The Knwaiti cabinet decided the King's speech on Wednesday, in which he criticised the Iraqi government, was "an important step towards reestablishing

relations with Kuwait," a government sources said. "King Hussein expressed himself with a frankness different from the past, which calls for an adequate Kuwaiti response," the

The cabinet particularly welcomed the fact that King Hussein had pressed Iraq to reveal the fate of prisoners captured by Iraq during its occupation of Kuwait between August

1990 and February 1991. Kuwait cut links with Jordan after the Iraqi invasion because of what was seen as Amman's pro-Baghdad stance during the

"All that Kuwait wants from countries which supported Iraq is that they put pressure on Baghdad to implement all its commitments to the international community," the govern-

In his speech, King Hussein said Lieutenant-General Hussein Kamel Hassan, the former Iraqi industry minsiter and sonin-law of President Saddam Hussein who defected to Jordan on Aug. 8, had opened his eyes to what was going on in Iraq.

Gen. Hassan said Iraq had planned to invade Kuwait and Saudi Arabia on Aug. 31 this year. "Since King Hussein started talking with a forth-

rightness that differs from earlier positions, Kuwait's rapprochement steps should also be forthcoming," said another source

quoted by the Associated

"It's clear that Jordan has begun pursuing this

policy. There are some rapprochement steps with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. We and Saudi Arabia are on the same side of the

issue," the source added. Saudi Arabia and Jordan have announced the restoration of full diplomatic ties following a five-year

The Kuwaiti cabinet meanwhile reiterated its rejection of a proposed visit by Gen. Hassan because he was one of those who planned the August 1990 Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

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Basma heads delegation to Beijing AMMAN (Petra) — Her Royal Highness Princess

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Palestinians to have own

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CAIRO (AFP) - Palesti-

nians will print their own

stamps for the first time since

the end of the British man-

date in 1948 under an agree-

ment signed with Israel here

Sunday on the transfer of

"The design, symbols, wording and subjects of

stamps and date stamps

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The two sides put their

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the first to be signed in a year

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deal for spreading self-rule in

the Palestinians by Sept. 10

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insurance, labour, municipal

affairs, postal services, petrol

and gas, statistics, and trade

In the petrol and gas sec-

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and use of weapons, ammuni-

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### Mahdi calls for Sudan dialogue

KHARTOUM (R) — Sudan's former Premier Sadea Al Mahdi, released from prison on Saturday, has called for a national conference embracing all groups to try to solve Sudan's political and economic problems.

He also said he supported dialogue with the govern-ment of Lieutenant-General Omar Hassan Al Bashir.

independent Sudanese daily Akbar Al Youm published on Monday, Dr. Mahdi called for the conference to seek solutions to Sudan's numerous problems, including the war in the south against

Dr. Mahdi, the leader of deposed in a military coup in 1989 led by Gen. Bashir and times since. He was last detained on May 16 and released with 32 other political prisoners pardoned by Gen.

**NEWS IN BRIEF** 

Tunisian held in possession of marijuana

RABAT (AFP) — Moroccan border guards have arrested

a Tunisian national after they discovered 52 kilogrammes

of concentrated marijuana hidden in his car, security

services said Sunday. Fathi Ben Mohammad Khoumssi, 38,

was subjected to a customs check in the Moroccan port of

Tanger just before he embarked on a vessel bound for

Algeciras in southern Spain. The marijuana was found

under the car's wings. In a separate incident, police also

arrested a Moroccan national at Hoom in Holland as he

tried to smuggle 11 kilogrammes of marijuana in the

Arsonists attack Scottish church in Israel

TIBERIUS (AFP) — Arsonists attacked a Scottish Presbyterian church at Tiberius on the Sea of Galilee, causing

serious damage on Sunday, the church authorities said.

Unidentified attackers set fire to the church piano,

smashed the crucifix on a wall and also damaged curtains,

they said. Colin Morton, head of the Scottish Presbyterian

Church in the Holy Land, said, "I am deeply distressed by

the desecration of the church which has been in Tiberias for

more than a hundred years serving pilgrims and visitors."

Kuwait names square after United Nations

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - Kuwait on Sunday named a

square here after the United Nations in tribute to its role in

freeing the country from Iraqi occupation, the state-run

news agency KUNA reported Sunday. The flags of Kuwait

and the U.N. were raised on the square, previously known

as Al Izam roundabout, at a ceremony attended by Kuwaiti

Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah and

his counterpart from the Ivory Coast, Amar Essy, the

current chairman of the U.N. General Assembly. Sheikh

Sabah said the decision, taken in celebration of the U.N.'s

50th anniversary, reflected his country's appreciation of

"the important and special role played by the U.N. in

freeing Kuwait from the claws of Iraqi occupation." The

international issues and problems," he added. The U.N.

approved the use of force by the U.S.-led multinational

coalition which ousted Iraq from Kuwait in February 1991,

GAZA CITY (AFP) - Russia on Monday became the

10th country to open a representation office in the

Palestinian self-rule areas since they were established in

May 1994, officials said. Alexis Gestikov, who will run the

bureau in Gaza City, presented his credential to Yasser Arafat, chairman of the Palestinian National Authority,

Palestinian officials said. The other countries to have

established offices since Israel agreed to give the Palesti-

nians self-rule in the Gaza Strip and West Bank town of

Jericho are: Denmark, Egypt, Germany, Holland, Jordan,

TEHRAN (AFP) - Pakistani army chief General Abdul

Wahid Kakker arrived in Iran on Monday for a one-day

visit to discuss the situation in Bosnia-Herzegovina, the

official Iranian news agency IRNA said. Gen. Kakker, who

was greeted at the airport by the commander of the elite

Revolutionary Guards, General Mohsen Rezai, is to

explore ways of helping Bosnian Muslims against Serb

attacks, it said. "Muslim countries should find a solution to

help Bosnia's innocent people" if U.N. peacekeepers

choose to leave there, he told reporters. Pakistan itself has

about 3,000 troops serving under U.N. peacekeeping forces

in Bosnia. Gen. Kakker is the second senior military officer

from a member of the Organisation of Islamic Conference

(OIC) contact group on Bosnia to visit Iran since the OIC

decided last month to reject the U.N.-imposed arms

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parties and trade unions and launched what he called Sudan's Islamic experience, backed by leader of the National Islamic Front, Hassan Al Torabi.

Dr. Mahdi rejected foreign intervention in his country's affairs and said that he was, in principle, for peaceful dialogue with the government.

Oxford-educated Mahdi, 59. also leads the religious Ansar sect, founded by his grandfather to fight against British occupation in the 19th

Meanwhile, the United-States embassy in Khartoum issued a statement on Sunday welcoming the release of political prisoners and described the move as an encouraging step.

"Taken with President Bashir's announcement of national elections next year, it is an advance towards assuring respect for human rights and a government that will be more responsive to



the wishes of the people of Sudan," the statement said. Gen. Bashir announced in televised speech last Tuesday that presidential and pariamentary elections are due

to take place in Sudan next

year. But he did not say

whether he would run. Former Prime Minister Mahdi told the Londonbased Arabic daily Al Hayat in an interview published on Sunday that following a meeting of all Sudanese opposition parties in Eritrea in July, he was accused of taking part in a plot to overthrow the government a

> al law. Israeli authorities stopped short, however, of shutting the PLO's de facto headquarters in Jerusalem, the Orient

(AFP) — Israel ordered

three Palestinian organisa-

tions in East Jerusalem on

Monday to close in a move

designed to tighten its grip on

the disputed city and conde-

mned by the Palestine Li-

beration Organisation (PLO)

as a violation of their peace

Police handed injuctions to

the Palestinian Broadcasting

Corporation, the Palestinian

Centre of Statistics and the

Palestinian Health Council

ordering them to "close their

doors and stop all activity in

Jerusalem" by Friday morn-

PLO leader Yasser Arafat

condemned the closure

orders. "It totally con-

travenes past accords," he told reporters from his seaf-

ront headquarters in Gaza.

Jerusalem affairs, Faisal Hus-

seini, also denounced the

Israeli move as a "violation"

of the 1993 Israeli-PLO dec-

laration of principles for autonomy and of internation-

Mr. Arafat's minister for

The Jewish state fears that would push the PLO too far

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where she was hit by shrapnel

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A policeman said he had

way before being brought to

the hospital.

campaign over Jerusalem OCCUPIED JERUSALEM and threaten the peace process at a time when negotiations on the extension of

Israel steps up intimidation

Palestinian autonomy appear to be making headway, government officials said. Police Minister Moshe Shahal, who has been campaigning to shut down

Palestinian institutions in Jerusalem, decided that three organisations were acting against Israeli law because they were linked to the Palestinian National Authority (PNA).
The Palestinian Broadcast-

ing Corporation headed by Radwan Abu Ayash, is based in a press agency which Mr. Abu Ayash ran for five years. The centre of statistics was set up in March 1993. Mr. Abu Ayash said the

closure orders "are part of a long-running policy aimed at wiping out the Palestinian character of Jerusalem and alienating the future of its Israeli Justice Minister

David Libai told Israeli Radio the government was determined to prevent the creation of a parallel Palestinian authority in Jerusalem, which would undermine its authority.

Although Israel pledged in an exchange of letters in 1993 to maintain Palestinian orga-

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According to published reports, the U.S. plan may

include a proposal to swap

government and its Croat

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'exclusion zone" for about a

year, then increasingly began

to violate it. In May this year,

the United Nations gave up

trying to enforce it and called

down NATO air strikes on

Those air strikes resulted

in the Bosnian war's deadliest

nisations in East Jerusalem, it passed a law in December 1994 banning any PLO political activity there.

Under the autonomy accords, Israel and the PLO are to begin talks on the future of the city by next

Israeli right-wing opposi-tion groups praised the government's move but called for still tougher action.

"The government should have closed these institutions a long time ago. I hope it will not go back on this and instead go to the heart of the matter - to bring an end to the activities of Orient House," said Jerusalem's right-wing mayor, Ehud

Hardline Palestinian groups based in Syria pointed out that the Israeli move came as Israel and the PLO signed an accord in Cairo, transferring eight civilian powers to the Palestinians on the West Bank.

This proves that "the partial accords are a political smokescreen for Israel so it can strengthen its occupation of east Jerusalem," a spokes-man for the Popular Front for Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine said.

attack on civilians, Serbs retaliated by pounding the cen-tral city of Tuzla with shells, killing at least 70 and wound-

ing 150.
Earlier, the United States had warned the Bosnian Serbs they would face tough NATO action unless they made compromises necessary to broker a peace accord.

"If this peace initiative does not get moving dramatically in the next week or two, the consequences will be very adverse to the Serbian goals," Mr. Holbrooke, U.S. assistant secretary of state, said on Sunday before leav-

ing for Europe.
"One way or another NATO will be heavily involved, and the Serbs don't want that. NATO will either assist the U.N. withdrawal or there will be more active NATO air (power) over the skies. These are not things the Serbs should want." Mr. Holbrooke said the onus was on Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic to pressure fellow Serbs in Bosnia to com-

promise. The U.S. magazine Newsthe Pentagon planned a bombing campaign to prevent the Serbs taking more ground while Bosnian government forces were rearmed. European allies have not approved the U.S.

bombing plan, it said.
The self-styled parliament
of the Bosnian Serbs had been scheduled to meet outside their stronghold of Pale on Monday to consider the U.N. peace proposals.

### Egyptian rival militant groups unite -- minister

CAIRO (Agencies) — The two main armed Muslim militant groups in Egypt, Jihad and the Gamaa Al Islamiyah, have decided to unite their forces for the first time since 1983 at the request of Sudan, a government minister has

Interior Minister General Hassan Al Alfi, in an interview published Monday in the London-based Arabic daily Al Hayat, said the two had decided to unify their command after meeting Sudan's spiritual leader Hassan Al Tourabi.

General Alfi said both sides met Dr. Tourabi at the start of April in Khartoum during an Arab and Islamic conference, which gathered together Muslim fundamentalists from all over the world.

to abandon their differences and cooperate after the hard knocks they suffered in Egypt," he said.

Egypt has accused the hardline Islamic government in Khartoum of being involved in a failed attempt to kill President Hosni Mubarak

in Addis Ababa on June 26. Gamaa Al Islamiyah claimed responsibility for the assassination attempt. Jihad killed Mr. Mubarak's predecessor. Anwar Sadat, in

October 1981. More than 850 people have died in Egypt since Muslim militants began a violent campaign to bring down the government in March 1992.

Gen. Al Alfi, said militants apprehended by policy have given accounts of the role played by Dr. Tourabi, believed to be the power behind Sudan's Islamic government, in coordinating between the two groups.

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Tourabi. Sudan has denied those charges.

The relationship between the Gamaa and Jihad is not clear, but they are believed to have differences over ideology and methods. Both are accused of taking part in the three-year campaign by radicals to impose strict Islamic rule in Egypt.

Gen. Alfi said Egypt had evidence of communication between leaders of the two groups, Ayman Al Zawahry of Jihad, who has political asylum in Denmark, and Gamaa's Mustafa Hamza, who is believed to be in Sudan.

Egypt also accuses Mr. Hamza on playing a role in organising the attack on Mr. Mubarak in Ethiopia.

Police have arrested 16 suspected extremists who were robberies in six governorates, a newspaper reported Mon-

The Al Ahram daily said 10 other militants suspected in the alleged plot were still at large.

"They were planning destructive attacks on vital buildings, assassinations of political and security leaders, and robberies on jewelry shops and churches in six governo-

rates," Al Ahram said. In Minya, in southern Egypt police shot dead three Muslim militants in separate raids on Monday, police said.

Two unidentified members of Gamaa Al Islamiyah group were killed near the village of Eidwa, 230 kilometres south of Cairo, when police raided their hideout in a field. Police said they uncovered

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#### Gatherings at the marketplace have been prohibited the Bosnian government has rejected the idea. for more than a year to pre-

continued to pull out victims from destroyed buildings hours after the five shells landed Monday in the city, according to the Bosnian Interior Ministry.

tant Secretary of State Richard Holbrooke, was headed for Paris on Monday to reopen talks with envoys of other countries involved in the peace process and with Bosnian President Alija Izet-

suspension of the peace process" — apparently until the Bosnians got a commitment that NATO would attack in "We would like to know what the role of NATO is in all of this," he said. "Are

we are being killed and mas-sacred?... Is Sarajevo a safe zone or a killing ghetto?" NATO, in tandem with the United Nations, has promised more vigorous air strikes for all U.N. "safe areas," among them Sarajevo follow-

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rebuilding its facade, Culture Minister Michel Edde said on Monday. A ceremony to inaugurate the new facade is set to be held next month and it will be followed by work to spruce up the interior of the museum, rehabilitate displays and dig up ancient objects which had been stored or hidden, Mr. Edde said. Rebuilding the facade took seven months and cost around \$650,000. The work involved patching up gaps and holes in the stone facade, which served as target practice and a shooting range for the warring parties in Lebanon's 1975-1990 civil war. Mr. Edde said contacts were underway with the Louvre museum in Paris as well as the U.N. Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO) to rehabilitate the interior of the museum but he did not set a date for the full reopening of the museum. A plethora of archaeological objects spanning several civilisations which are being dug out from the war-devastated city centre of Beirut ahead of its multi-billion dollar reconstruction will be displayed in

Lebanon museum gets new facade

BEIRUT (AFP) - Lebanon's war-wrecked national

museum is on its way to full recovery after workers finished

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### Beijing conference good opportunity for Jordan to state its stand on equality — Damen-Masri

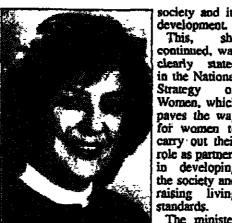
-AMMAN (Petra) - Minister of Social Development Salwa Damen-Masri Monday said Jordan's participation in the Fourth World Conference on Women which will be held in Beijing Sept. 4-15 will be a good opportunity for the Kingdom to illuminate its policies and stands on human rights and equality between men and women on the basis of the Islamic sharia, the constitution and the National Charter.

Chairing a meeting of the Ministry of Social Development's planning, coordination and administrative development committee, Ms. Damen-Masri said Jordan's representation at the conference by various public and private sector represen-

tatives women leaderships, mainly by Her Royal Highness Princess Basma, was a clear indicator of the Kingdom's faith in the major role of women in developing

and in shaping its future. She said the Jordanian leadership

was keen to instil the spirit of equality among all citizens and to grant equal opportunities to all, saying the only differences between them stem from what they offer to their



Salwa Damen-Masri

in the National Strategy on Women, which paves the way for women to carry out their role as partners in developing the society and raising living standards. The minister

referred to her participation in the fourth min-

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isterial conference of the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) which will be held in Beijing Sept. 1-2, saying the conference will focus on the role of women in development. She said she will chair the coordination meeting of the Arab delegations participating in the meeting almed at unifying Arab stands on issues to be discussed at the conference,

She said she will also chair a scientific seminar which will be organised by the U.N. on pioneering and small income-generating projects in the Arab World to be also held in Beijing in the same period.

The ministry's committee reviewed its meeting resolutions adopted by the Council of Arab Ministers of Social Affairs which convened at the Arab League headquarters in Cairo last year and means of following up the implementation of these res-

### Investigation reveals serious mishandling of RJ funds

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - A parliamentary committee charged with studying the performance and general situation of Royal Jordanian (RJ) airlines has summed up its investigations revealing a number of shortcomings, violations of rules and misbandling of funds that have resulted in large financial

losses over the years.
While recognising efforts of RJ officials to promote the airline's services, the committee also points to airline mismanagement and mishandling of plans, violations of rules and regulations and the persistent disregard of advice by specialists and comptrollers, the report, which was published in Ad-Dustour daily Sunday, said. In light of the enormous

data and information compiled on RJ after more than a year of investigations, the committee members said they were surprised at the deterioration in the airline's financial situation, despite the airline having witnessed several management changes over the past years, the report stated.

The committee. chaired by deputy Aref Batayneh and later by deputy Munir Sobar, cited the following prominent flaws in RJ's performance: the existence of violations in legislations and regulations at all levels; negligence in financial matters, in management and in decisiontaking that was largely moti-

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Canadian-Jordanian trade

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ry said Monday.

and nepotism.

The report stated that this conclusion was based on reports by the Audit Bureau, the Finance Ministry and annual reports from RJ.

In its scrutiny of RI's financial situation, the committee noted that the national airline had incurred repeated losses since 1983 with the exception of the years 1985, 1987 and 1989 when RJ made net profits ranging between JD 1.4 million to JD 1.96 million.

Losses since 1983 ranged from JD 9.7 million in 1984 to JD 34.4 million in 1992, according to the report which also revealed that accumulated foreign and domestic debts amounted to JD 323.9 million towards the end of 1993.

RI's overall investments amounted to JD 11.8 million by the end of 1993 but these yielded negative results, ending up in investment losses in Arab Wings, and Alia Gateway Hotel, the report noted.

The hotel, which incomed JD 949,000 and JD 729,000 losses in 1990 and 1991 respectively and whose assets were estimated at ID 8.2 million, was sold in 1993, just as it started to make profits, the report

From RJ's annual reports it is clear that the airline has regrettably resorted to borrowing on unfavourable terms which has subsequently led to the accumulation of more debt burdens, and to the sale of aircraft to raise funds for payment of interest on loans, the committee's report stated.

As an example, the report said. RI sold all five of its sircraft in 1988 for JD 165 million to raise funds to hire the same five aircraft on a long-term basis ending in 1998. Hiring the aircraft for JD 165 million aggravated the debt situation, the report

The report disclosed a payment of JD 30 million made by RJ from the sale of the aircraft to settle part of its

Instead, the report continned, the airline should have relied on its operations and profits to pay its dues or should have sought to increase its capital.

The report pointed out that RJ management raised employee salaries in disregard of recommendations to the contrary. The increase in salaries in 1993, the report added, resulted in RJ paying its employees a total of JD 3,754,949 in salaries annually, of which JD L167,282 is paid in U.S. dollars.

RJ enjoys exemptions from income tax and fees for using airports and terminal buildings, as well as exemption from landing fees and facilities in the purchase of aircraft fuel at very low prices, the report stated as a

The report also noted that the airline had been granting travel agents large commissions as incentives under no specific regulations, while rates of discounts on ticket sales did not follow the air-

Canada sees MENA summit beneficial

for future trade ties with Kingdom

According to the report, RJ management also committed violations of rules on purchases of computer equipment as well as aircraft spare parts at exorbitant costs, citing two specific cases in which RJ arranged for the purchase of spare parts for Boeing airplanes from the U.S. in 1989 and

1993 RJ has also been operating on routes that were economically unfeasible, the report

The committee recommended that RJ control its expenditure by transferring surplus personnel to other government departments; halt plans of opening additional offices abroad; cease operations on unprofitable routes; close unprofitable investments; end purchase of high cost simulators for training; convert the airline into a public company with the government holding 51 per cent equity and study plans for commercialising airline operations.

The committee, which will soon submit its report to the Lower House of Parliament, said it held 13 sessions, summoned several RJ serving and former officials and consulted with air tranport specialists, economists, former and serving cabinet ministers and enlisted the assistance of the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Transport, the Civil Aviation Authority, the Audit Bureau and other departments in the course of its investigation into the situation of the national airline.

### China workers! delegation meets here for labour talks

AMMAN (Petra) — A visiting delegation from the Federation of Workers in China met in Amman Monday with Minister of Labour Nader Abu Sha'ar and members of the Federation of Jordanian Labour Unions (FJLU) to discuss common grounds in labour-related fields.

Dr. Abu Sha'ar briefed the Chinese delegation led by Mr. Yang Ching Fu on the main features of the new Jabour law in Jordan.

The minister said the new law seeks to achieve a balanced relationship between employers and workers with emphasis on equal rights and that the new law will soon be officially ratified. The Chinese visitors met also Monday with FJLU President Mazeo Ma'ayta who spoke about

workers' achievements and

the federation's role in promoting the workers' movement in the Kingdom.

Mr. Ma'ayta said Jordanian workers look forward to the advantages that should accompany the peace era and attach great hopes on the implementation of regional projects through the Middle East and North Africa Conference.

Mr. Ma'ayta also called for increased cooperation with the Chinese federation of workers and the exchange of expentise as well as the organisation of training courses.

The Chinese delegation, having arrived in Amman Sunday on a several-day visit to Jordan at the invitation of the FJLU, will make field trips to a number of industrial institutions.

### Syrian trade delegation to head to Amman for talks

AMMAN (Petra) - A Syrian economic delegation headed by President of the Federation of the Syrian Chambers of Commerce Rateb Shallah will visit Jordan Sept. 20 at an invitation by the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce. President of the Jordanian

Federation Haidar Murad, who is also president of the Amman Chamber of Commerce, said representatives of the two federations will hold an extensive meeting for talks on various scopes of cooperation between the private sectors in the two countries and to study means of enhancing joint cooperation and increasing trade volume between Jor-

dan and Syria. Commending the special relations between the Amman Chamber of Commerce and the Syrian federation, Mr. Murad said the Amman chamber has helped find solutions to impediments facing the transit of Syrian goods to Arab Gulf countries through Jordan. He added that this contributed to further enhancing

> the two countries. During its visit, Mr. Murad said, the Syrian delegation will attend the Arab investments and food security conference which will convene in Amman Sept. 21 with a fair to be held on the sidelines of the conference. He voiced hope that the Iordanian-Syrian talks

economic relations between

nomic and trade ties and would lead to launching joint ventures in order to achieve economic integration between the two coun-

Canada is sending a highpowered trade delegation to Jordan and the Middle East He stressed that the Jordanian and Syrian private sectors have the expertise in advance of the MENA and potential to increase October conference, said the trade exchange and botster ambassador at a roundtable industrial cooperation. meeting attended by Jordan-Mr. Murad said the balian businessmen. Organised by the Jordan-

ance of trade between the two countries was currently ian Businessmen Associain favour of Syria and noted tion (IBA) in cooperation that Jordanian officials and with and support from the representatives of the pri-Canadian vate sector should work on Development (CIDA), the increasing the Kingdom's reviewed the role of the Jorexports to Syria. He said Jordan's exports to

danian private sector in its northern Arab neighbour in 1992 stood at JD 12.9 ensuring the success of the economic conference. million, rising in 1993 to JD 19 million and in 1994 to JD 26.7 million. He said Jor-The ambassador called on Canadian businessmen to participate actively in the danian imports from Syria in upcoming conference and 1992 stood at JD 31,21 milsaid the meeting is important lion, in 1993 at JD 32.6 milas an arena for exchanges of lion and JD 48 million in views and discussions of investment prospects from

In the first half of this year, Jordan's exports to Syria totalled JD 15.9 million while its imports from Syria. totalled JD 227 million, Mr. Murad said.

Jordan imports meat, agricultural produce, cotton. carpets, garments, electric heaters and home appliances from Syria, and to Syria it exports white cement, pharmaceuncal products, chemicals, paper, threads, pipes and iron bars.

# AMMAN (Petra) — Canada views the forthcoming Middie East and North Africa

Jordanian businessmen Monday attend a meeting on the role of the private sector in the October economic conference (Petra photo)

#### such cooperation will contimue as Jordan has acquired a central geographical loca-tion in the Middle East region and now offers attractive facilities for invest-

nomic ties, the ambassador

said, and Canada hopes that

which Jordanian and Cana-Addressing the roundtable dian sectors are bound to meeting was Shabib Ammari, rapporteur to an Jordan and Canada mainexecutive committee acting for the private sector, who tain strong trade and ecosaid the meeting was part of tive committee, presented a ongoing preparations for the MENA conference. The Jordanian private sec-

tor, Dr. Ammari said, is capable of confronting various challenges and major economic developments and has proved its potential over the past few years in playing a key role in enhancing the national economy.

Nadim Muasher, member of the private sector's execureport on efforts made for highlighting Jordan as an area eligible for investments Nancy George, a CIDA

representative at the meeting, underlined the importance of technical and vocational training for economic development, saying that community colleges can supply the local market with skilled workers for the country's industry.

### King congratulates Slovaki President

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein on Monday sent a cable to Slovak President Michal Kovac, congratulating him in his name and on behalf of the Jordanian people and government on Slovakia's national day. King Hussein wished Mr. Kovac continued good health and happiness and the Slovak people further progress and prosperity.

### Premier announces death of former minister

AMMAN (Petra) - Prime Minister Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker on Monday announced the death of former minister Hassan Kayed who passed away Sunday at the age of 77, The deceased, who was born in Jerash governorate in 1918, served as head of the court of cassation, under-secretary of the ministries of education and justice, minister of education and interior and member of the Upper House of Parliament. He will be laid to rest in his hometown of Jerash Tuesday after

#### Prince Mohammed visits army division

AMMAN (Petra) — His Royal Highness Prince Mohammad, the personal representative of His Majesty King Hussein, on Monday visited the Third Royal Armoured Division, where he was received by the division's commander and senior officers. Prince Mohammad was briefed by the commander on duties assigned to the division and its training activities.

### would help encourage eco-Travel agents to organise full package tours to Israel

AMMAN (Petra) - The Ministry of Tourism on Monday instructed travel agents to organise wellplanned tours to Israel instead of only working on securing visas for Jordanian citizens wishing to visit the Jewish state.

of the administrative committee of the Jordanian Travel Agents Society the ministry called for having such tours include in addition to the visas, the hotel stay and transportation.

Mr. Masarweh discussed In a meeting between Secretary General of the Minwith the tour agents issues related to tour programmes istry of Tourism and Antiqoperated by them to serve uities Akram Masarweb and the president and members Jordanian citizens.

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\*Early Morning Scribbles' by Lebanese artist Amin Al Basha and Jordanian artist Rajwa Bint Ali and Late Night Scribbles' by Amin Al Basha and artist Ali Bermamet.

\*Sculpture by Rajwa Bint Ali. \*3-D experiments in calligraphy by Usama Kha-

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### **EXHIBITIONS**

the Royal Cultural Centre. \* Oil paintings by Yassin Al Mohammadawi at

\*Abstract art by the late artist Adnan Hilu at

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Paintings by Pioneers of the Fifties Isma'il and Suzanne Al Sheikhly, Khalid Qassab, and Dr. Nuri Behjet at Orfali Art Gallery, Um

#### FILM

\*'The Iron Gate' (Arabic) at Abdul Hameed Shoman Foundation, Jabal Amman at 7.30 pm

#### **NEWS**

\* McNeil-Lehrer News Hour at the American Centre at 5.00 pm.

**Actor rescued** 

in wind-surfing

LONDON (R) — Rescuers

went to the aid of actor James

Fox Sunday after high winds

knocked him off his windsur-

fer in a small lake near Lon-

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ing a nearby yachting cham-pionship and fished Fox out

of the chilly waters at

Ashford, west of London,

after he had been splashing

around for 15 minutes.

When we got to the man he

was tired out," said rescuer

Helena Turnbull. "He said

be had lost his windsurfer and

had been in the water for

some time. He was very cold

and tired." Fox, 56, whose films include The Servant, Remains Of The Day and A Passage To India, said he had

not been wearing a life jack-et. "I had hired the board so I

wasn't using my own gear and

couldn't get things set up properly and I forgot to pick

up a bouyancy aid, which was stupid," he said. "It was very

windy and I wasn't enjoying my windsurfing very much. I came off and the board was

being blown away from me

all the time. I just wanted to

get out of there and was glad

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### Northern Ireland Protestant leader quits on IRA truce

cBELFAST (R) — James Molyneaux, symbol of Proftestant determination to keep eNorthern Ireland British, sannounced Monday that he twas stepping down after 16 cyears as leader of the mainstream Ulster Unionist Party

¿ His unexpected announcesment in London was made the week that Northern t Ireland marked the first Sanniversary of an IRA guertrilla ceasefire that brought the province to a crossroads after a 25-year guerrilla war that killed 3,200.

It closed a chapter of politics in Northern Ireland in which Mr. Molyneaux led a dogged campaign under the l popular banner of "Ulster i says no" to what he saw as covert British attempts to nudge the province towards reunification with Ireland.

Mr. Molyneaux said that he was standing down so that the UUP, which has nine seats in Britain's House of Commons, could find a sucal elections which have to be held by May 1997.

British Prime Minister John Major commands a single digit parliamentary majority and commentators say he may call an election early if he can rally support for his Conservative Party in the face of a challenge from

opposition Labour.
"Yesterday on my 75th birthday I decided to resign the leadership of the Ulster Unionist Party to make way for a successor to prepare the party for the general election which, because of the present parliamentary arithmetic, could come earlier than would have appeared six months ago, Mr.

Ken Maginnis, a nononsense legislator and security spokesman for the UUP, was thought to be a front-runner to succeed Mr. Molyneaux and carry the torch of opposition to closer ties with Ireland in the British parliament.

Mr. Molyneaux's lead-

ership has been under pressure for the past year, since Britain and the Dublin government launched a joint peace plan for Northern Ireland which Unionists said was a sell-out of their treasured links with London.

Mr. Molyneaux fought off the first challenge to his leadership earlier this year but his stature was badly dented when his 22-year-old rival secured about 15 per cent sup-

He resolutely opposed any talks with Sinn Fein, political wing of the Irish Republican Army (IRA) guerrillas who fought British rule of Northern Ireland for 25 years. Efforts to secure a lasting

political settlement in Northern Ireland are at a crossroads because of a row between Britain and its partners in the peace process over decommissioning IRA and Protestant loyalist guerrilla

British Northern Ireland Minister Michael Ancram

### Yeltsin's envoy tours ruins of Grozny

GROZNY, Russia (AFP) — Russian President Boris Yeltsin's special representative for Chechenya toured the ruins of the Chechen capital Grozny Monday ahead of a crucial Kremlin meeting on the separatist republic.

Oleg Lobov, named to the post last week, said he would use his one-day visit as a basis for his recommendation on policy in Checheva to the Kremlin Security Council when it meets Wednesday.

"Today I arrived to see for myself on the scene and study what suggestions to make to the security council," Mr. Lobov said on arrival of Grozny's Russian military airport.

At the same time, the commander of Russian forces in Chechenya General Anatoly Romanov, ordered tougher security measures, including a ban on possession of arms and tighter restrictions on the movement of people between towns in the republic, ITAR:

TASS news agency reported. Mr. Lobov gave few hints about what he would be telling the powerful inner circle of Mr. Yeltsin's ministers and advisers.

He did however say that he was not satisfied with the implementation of a recent demilitarisation accord between Chechen independ-ence fighters and the Russian

forces... Under the accord, the rebels are to disarm and nearly all Russian troops are to withdraw from the Caucasus But the agreement has been marred by several incidents of fighting, as Russians accuse the Chechens of not being serious about handing weapons, the Chechens accuse the Russians of failing to withdraw any troops.

Mr. Lobov's spokesman Valery Kadzhaya, told AFP that the main point of Mr. Lobov's visit was to get a first-hand view of the situation in the republic, which has been torn apart by eight months of war.

"He's going to meet the people, see the state of things, see it with his own eyes," Mr. Khadzhaya said.

Mr. Lobov began his visit by meeting the heads of the Russian-installed government in Chechenya, Salama-byek Khadzhiyev and Umar Avturkhanov, and with General Romanov.

Meetings were also planned with the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe, which is mediating the Chechenya peace talks, and Russian soldiers stationed in the rubble of Groz-

There were no meetings scheduled with representatives of Chechen separatist leader Dzhokhar Dudayev, who declared independence from the Russian Federation in 1991 and has been battling Russian forces since Decem-

Khadzhaya said when asked if any such meetings were

Mr. Lobov's tour of Groznv started at the Republican

With jury growing weary, defence

"That's unlikely," Mr.

Hospital, where work is only just finishing to repair the damage caused in the fighting for Grozny between December and March.

Russian First Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Sos-kovets said Sunday that rebuilding the city of about 450,000 people will cost between \$2.3 and \$2.7 billion and take years.

Another major Grozny hospital was flattened in the Russian bombing and shelling, as were entire neighbourhoods of hundreds of apartment buildings, houses, shops and bridges.

Chechen doctors in the Republican Hospital said Mr. Lobov was not on their side. "He's an idiot. He could help if he wanted, but I'm not sure he will. I don't believe that their rockets won't be hitting our hospital all over again," said 47-year-old doctor Sima Ibriva.

So far, the peace talks have concentrated on trying to stop the shooting war, while the cause of the fighting — Dudayev's bid for independence — has not been addres-

"It would have been better if they hadn't destroyed the hospital in the first place... That's what the Russians do - they destroy, then come and pretend they're builsaid 54-year-old doctor Zoya Esembayova.

"Russia is a concentration camp for the Chechen people. Three hundred years of this is enough," she said

to testify again, even if the

judge lets jurors hear some of

the recordings, analysts say.

Fifth Amendment right

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technically no longer has any-

thing relevant to testify ab-

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the fifth in front of the jury.

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Mr. Fuhrman, along with in-

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both sides in the murder case.

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which Mr. Fuhrman spews

racial hatred and talks of

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#### Rats, termites swallow court evidence

to be picked up."

COLOMBO (R) — Exhibits ranging from the hide of a fresian cow to a sack of marijuana have been destroyed by rats and termites at a court outside Colombo, setting back several trials, a newspaper said Monday. The exhibits were to be used as evidence in cases ranging from murder to drug trafficking at Negombo Magistrate's Court, the Daily News said. At the nearby Kanuwana Circuit Court, where the Negombo magistrate sits every week, records have been ruined by a leaking roof, the newspaper said. "The magistrate has inspected the record rooms both at Negombo and Kanuwana and seen the damage for himself," the newspaper said. "The registrar has written to the Ministry of Justice and awaits action to better protect productions needed as evidence in cases awaiting trial."

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#### Panda sets birth record

BEIJING (R) — Dongdong of giant panda has set a record, giving buth to her sixth cub in ve vears. Xinhua News Agency said Monday the panda's sixth cub was born last month at the Wolong Panda Research Centre in southwestern China's Sichuan province. Dongdong's first cub was born in 1991, it said. Two of first five have died. Local experts said it was the first time a giant panda, well-known for their poor reproductive capabilities, had given birth to six cubs in five years.

#### **Fans pay** homage to Elvis

BAD NAUHEIM, Germany (AP) — Thirty-five years after Elvis Presiey completed his army service and left Germany, Elvis impersonators and adoring fans came to the small town where he lived to pay homage to the king. "For me he is the Jesus Christ of the 20th century," said Silvie Schmidt, 25, who took an overnight train from Vienna, Austria, for the one-day festival. "He was so charismatic his music was so lovely. Others from Belgium, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, Sweden, Switzerland and across Germany - about 1,000 in all — made the pilgrimage to Bad Nauheim, a spa town in central Germany. Many young women in the crowd wore '50s-style' dresses, while Elvis-style hair, long sideburns and embroidered shirts were de rigneur for the serious male fans. Presley lived in Bad Nauheim while he did his military service two miles

### Carlord of reptiles found

police stopped dozens of rep-tiles slipping through the net when a routine control in the Salzburg area of western Anstria uncovered a carload of 36 creatures, mostly snakes and lizards, local police said. Police stopped the Czech car overnight Friday and discovered the reptiles, which had come from Italy and were destined for the Czech Republic as part of an illegal animal trafficking operation. Two people were arrested

### N. Korea links future repatriation Bangladesh of MIA remains to peace treaty

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea, already seeking \$3.5 million in compensation for recent returns of MIA remains, has linked future repatriations to a peace treaty with the United States, officials said Monday.

It is among the latest moves in a long-running campaign by the Communist North — which has been intensifying in recent months - to force direct talks with Washington that would snub South Korea.

The stance also puts the North at loggerheads with U.S. officials, who have insisted that progress in the issue of soldiers listed as missing in action, or MIA, from the Korean War is needed to pave the way for the improved bilateral relations that the North has sought.

The remains issue is now stalled because they have tied it to a peace treaty with the United States," said Jim Coles, a U.S. and U.N. military spokesman, citing a recent report by the North's official media.

'That's an issue that's going to have to be explored through diplomatic channels," Mr. Coles said. "Our concern is for the humanita-

rian situation. Of the 54,246 Americans

bloody 1950-53 Korean War. 8.168 are still listed as missing, although the total includes 866 bodies that were returned in 1954 but never identified before being

buried. An armistice ended the war, in which the United States led a 16-nation U.N. force that repelled a North Korean invasion of the

But no peace treaty was ever signed. Washington has insisted it must be negotiated between the two Koreas. The North considers its capitalist rival a U.S. puppet and has tried a variety of manoeuvres to prove the armistice doesn't

It recently ousted military observers from Poland and Czechoslovakia who had monitored the North's side of the demilitarised zone, along the world's most heavily guarded border.

U.S. and South Korea officials also have expressed concerns about the possibility of a North Korean military in-

cursion as further pressure. The MIA issue is a sensitive one, and both U.S. and U.N. officials choose their words carefully to avoid upsetting the progress that has been made in recent years.

who lost their lives in the The U.N. also is seeking the remains of Britons, Turks,

Filipinos and Colombians. We want to give the North Koreans credit for what they have been doing." Mr. Coles said. "So far, they have been making a goodfaith effort.'

The North has sought \$3.5 million, which it claims is compensation for expenses it incurred for 148 sets of remains recovered in 1993 and 14 on Sept. 13, 1994, the date of the last repatriation.

A Defence Department source told the Associated Press last year that a payment of \$897,000 was made two years ago for the remains of 46 American and other U.N. soldiers in 1990, 1991 and 1992. The 1990 repatriation was the first since 1954.

The general rule of thumb for reimbursement is about \$2,000 for each claim, but Mr. Coles insisted; "We do not pay a set amount for verified claims. We're not in the business of buying bones by the box. We're in the business of recovering the re-

mains of our war dead." Mr. Coles said the U.N. command has been pressing the North to allow a technical team, including forensics experts, to assist in excavations. He said it is critical to the identification process.

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### **Ershad** supporters clash; 30 hurt DHAKA (AFP) — Some 30 people were injured Monday

Monday rejected anew calls

by former Irish Prime Minis-

ter Albert Reynolds to stop

insisting that the IRA surren-

der its arms before being

invited to all-party talks.

Mr. Reynolds, co-author
of the Anglo-Irish Downing

Street Northern Ireland

peace blueprint, said at the weekend that the surrender

of IRA and loyalist arms

should be agreed as part of a

final settlement, not as a pre-

But Mr. Ancram said:

"The concept that you don't

resolve the decommissioning

issue until you have a final

settlement to be im-

plemented would mean that

all negotiations would have

to take place under the sha-

acceptability of that in demo-

cratic terms, you would not

get other parties around the

table to negotiate on that

basis, so I don't think it is

really a substantial or real

way forward," he told the

"Quite apart from the un-

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police,

in clashes between police and supporters of deposed Bangladeshi President Hussain Mohammad Ershad as a Bangladeshi court postponed for 11 days the hearing of

murder charge against him. Witnesses said police used batons and fired tear-gas to disperse supporters of the opposition Jatiya Party (JP), who were demanding withdrawal of murder charges against Ershad and his release.

Several hundred JP supporters demonstrated at the high-security Dhaka Central Jail as Ershad was taken from the jail to the nearby court. Only local journalists with

into the court, while an AFP photographer was prevented by police from photographing the former president. Meanwhile, seven people

were killed and more than 100 injured when police opened fire on demonstrators in the northern Bangladesh town of Dinajpur protesting the death in police hands of a 14-year-old girl, it was re-ported Monday.

The demonstrators stormed a police barracks after the body of the girl was found by the roadside early Sunday.

Police claim she had been given a lift in one of their trucks and fell to her death but local residents allege police raped and killed her and then dumped the body. News of her death provoked a furious response among local residents. Armed with sticks and stones, they stormed the local police barracks. Police opened fire and hurled tear gas at demonstrators, killing seven people, the mass cir-culation daily Ittefaq newspaper reported.

seeks to wrap up Simpson case soon LOS ANGELES (AP) -Mr. Fuhrman, at the time a With the O.J. Simpson jury growing weary, the defence is seeking to end its case soon with a quick knockout from the Mark Fuhrman tapes - if 1994, murders.

the judge lets any of them into evidence. After Monday's crossexamination of defence forensic science expert Henry Lee, the trial moves into the

volatile Fuhrman zone. Mr. Fuhrman is one of the detectives who investigated the murders of Nicole Brown Simpson and her friend Ronald Goldman. The defence claims he's a racist who's negative views toward blacks led him to fabricate evidence against Simpson.

A hearing is set for Tuesday on whether any or all of the portions of the taped interviews the defence wants admitted will reach the ears of the jury. Also on tap are defence witnesses called to portray Mr. Fuhrman as a racist.

It's all part of a defence effort to show that Mr. Fuhrman not only lied when he denied on the witness stand ever using a racial slur against blacks in the last decade, but also that he's capable of planting evidence --- say, a bloody glove — against Simpdetective but now retired, said he found the glove behind Simpson's house the morning after the June 12,

Simpson, who traded on a legendary football record for a career in movies, television and sports broadcasting has pleaded innocent to the

If all goes as planned -and things rarely do in this trial - the defence could end . its case by Friday. After a week or two of rebuttal by the prosecution, the case could go to the jury by the end of next month.

That is assuming jurors hold out that long.

Superior Court Judge Lance Ito last week again expressed concerns about the durability of the 12 jurors and two alternates, who have been cooped up in a hotel since Jan. 11. The Simpson jury has set a California record for the longest sequestered jury. In recent weeks they have looked haggard.

One bit of excitement jurors may not be getting is a sequel to Mr. Fuhrman's

Aithough the Fuhrman tapes have rattled the Simpson trial like a California

This would mean that neither side could mention Mr. Fuhrman in closing arguearthquake, he may not have

mony.

### Thailand denies assisting opium warlord

government and military Monday denied supporting Burma's opium warlord Khun Sa but appeared to rule out a joint Thai-Burmese operation against the drug re-

The government has no policy to support Khun Sa but whether Thailand will assist Burma to attack him is a different matter because that involves the sovereignty of each country," Thai Fore-ign Minister Kasem S. asemsri told reporters.

A senior official of Burma's military government said last week that Burmese forces were closing in on Khun Sa's Golden Triangle strongholds but neighbouring Thailand must cut off border support for the trafficker if he is to be finally crushed.

The Thai military denied that it was providing any cross-border support to Khun

"Khun Sa has been indicted here, he is wanted here so there is no reason for the Thai Armed Forces to extend support for a man wanted on criminal charges. Thai military spokesman Vice-Admiral Kraichit Sirisombath told a Monday news

### Poll:Mexican rebels should be independent group MEXICO CITY (R) -- Nearly 60 per cent of Mex-

Police searched Monday for nine of Denmark's most dangerous convicts who escaped from a Copenhagen prison after an accomplice drove a bulldozer through the perimeter wall during a barb-. ecue for inmates...

escaped from Vridsloeselille State Jail Sunday had been arrested by Monday morning. Border patrols and airports were on alert for the nine still at large after the biggest jailbreak in Danish history, police said.

The prisoners — all of them convicted killers, robbers or narcotics criminals were enjoying a party in the prison yard when the bulldozer smashed a 13 metre wide opening in the wall at 5 p.m.

(1500 GMT) Sunday. were keeping an eye on the party attended by about 25 convicts. Many of the prisoners opted to remain and finish their steaks rather than join the jailbreak.

monstration outside the prison, were in place to shoot the escape.

the yellow bulldozer smashing into the six metre high wall and the driver jumping out in a cloud of dust and running away from the jail followed by a dozen convicts, some shouting "yes" in triumph.

cars may have been waiting outside the prison but it was unlikely the jailbreak had been agreed beforehand by all the fugitives. Vridsloeselille Governor

Lars Nielsen rejected a theory that the installation of telephones in the convicts' cells only three days ago could have helped the plan-

ning of the jailbreak. Danish Justice Minister Bioern Westh Sunday demanded a full report by local and national prison authoroverall security in Denmark's jails where conditions are among the most humane in the world.

day morning after being questioned about what exactly he knew when he switched on his camera as the bulldozer came roaring towards the jail, situated in a working class suburb in west Copenhagen.

The buildozer was stolen from a nearby gravel pit, police said.

The mass jailbreak took place as police were busy keeping order at a nearby Premier League game between Copenhagen's top soc-cer teams — Broendby and FC Copenhagen.

The people who planned this may have known we were tied up elsewhere," said Joern Bro, police chief in the south Copenhagen surburb of Glostrup.

"It was very well timed.

Mexicans want democracy icans who took part in a national poll on the future of the country's Zapatista rebeis

coalition, according to pre-"We have results from 33 per cent of the polling booths... representing 371,000 people," said a spokesman for the election monitoring group Civic Alliance, which organised Sunday's poll on behalf of the

Zapatistas. Based on that figure, organisers said they estimated about one million people took part in the poll — more than the minimum 600,000 that Zapatista leader Marcos had

and we are not going to sit on our hands waiting for it," Sergio Aguayo, a Civic Alliance leader, told repor-The rebels said they called

the poll to help them decide their next steps. They say they do not wish to start fighting again but have ruled out giving up their weapons, saying they are necessary for The leaders of the guerril-

las, including Marcos, are hiding from government forces in the Chiapas jungle. Peace talks between the

two sides, which are due to resume on Sept. 5, are deadlocked. Analysts said the rebel poll was aimed at boosting the Zapatistas' declining grip on the public imagination and showing the government they still have support.

The Mexican government did not try to impede the poll, an international version of which is also being carried out. A few minor incidents were reported in which policeor unidentified individuals

disrupted the vote. Results of the international poll among foreigners in-terested in the Chiapas conflict, which is partly being conducted over the internet. will be announced later this

year, organisers said. The national poll was held in assembles of indigenous communities and at more than 10,000 voting booths around the country.

Those who voted also

approved a series of general statements on the Zapatistas' aims. For example, 98 per cent agreed that "the main demands of the Mexican people are land, housing, work, food, health, education, culture, information, independence, democracy, freedom, justice, peace, security, fighting corruption and defending the environment."

Critics of the poll say such questions were framed in a way that would invite only positive responses.

In the city of San Cristobal De Las Casas in Chiapas, about 10,000 indigenous peo-

ple, some wearing the trademark ski-mask of the rebels, staged a march in support of the poll. Organisers said the turnout in the state was high.

In Mexico City, where more than 40 per cent of the voting booths were located. the turnout was patchier.

The Zapatista rebels rose up in arms in Chiapas on New Year's Day, 1994, to demand greater democracy and respect for indigenous rights. More than 150 people died in the first days of the rebellion, but there has been little fighting since.

In his first interview since a February army push that drove the Zapatistas deep into the jungle, forcing them out of the Chiapas villages they had occupied. Marcos told La Jornada newspaper last week that the poll's success would lie in "ruling out recourse to arms for both forces, leaving discussions completely in the political

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Denmark stages manhunt after jailbreak

COPENHAGEN (R) -

Three of 12 fugitives who

Only two prison guards.

A television crew from a local production company, TV-STOP, who said they had been tipped off about a de-

Television footage showed

Police said several getaway

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take up the matter in the next two or three weeks.

Kashmir's chief cleric.

"Holding elections... clearly

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said Syed Ahmad Geelani, a

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Ghali, terming the polls "a

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Kashmiri Muslims vow to block elections

ISLAMABAD (R) — Two visiting U.S. senators said Monday that Indian and Arch-rivals India and Pakistan both deny posses-sing nuclear weapons, but say Pakistani leaders had expressed willingness to take they have the capacity to part in five-nation talks on make them. China, seen as a halting the spread of nuclear threat by New Delhi, has weapons in South Asia. responded coolly to previous After our discussions with proposals for talks on region-

Indian Prime Minister (P.V.) al nuclear non-proliferation. Narasimba Rao, Pakistan Sen. Spector said he could President Farooq Leghari not say how Beijing would and Prime Minister Benazir react to a new diplomatic Bhutto, we feel it would be initiative, but the willingness useful to convene five-power of India and Pakistan to hold talks on how to move to zero talks without preconditions nuclear weapons in the rewas a good start. gion," Republican Senator

Sen. Spector, from Pennsylivania, and Hank Brown, a Republican from Colorado who sits on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, arrived in Pakistan from India Sunday and were due to leave for Damascus later Monday.

India and Pakistan have fought three wars since they gained independence from Britain in 1947, two of them

over the disputed territory of Kashmir, still the main bone of contention,

Sen. Spector said Mr. Rao had expressed concern over Pakistan's alleged acquisition of long-range M-11 missiles from China, Mr. Leghari and Ms. Bhutto denied that Pakistan had M-11s and voiced their own womes about India's missile program-

mes, he said. Sen. Brown, who is sponsoring an amendment to a bill that would modify a U.S. ban on arms sales to Pakistan, said he hoped it would pass through Congress "some

time this year. The United States halted military and new economic aid to Pakistan in 1990 after then-President George Bush was unable to certify it was not on the verge of acquiring

nuclear weapons. That blocked the sale of U.S. military equipment, including F-16 fighters that for. Islamabad wants the arms or its \$1.4 billion back. "Americans feet the current arrangement simply is not fair or responsible," Sen. Brown, who is working with the U.S. administration to get a one-time waiver of

the arms sales ban. His amendment would allow delivery of \$370 million worth of the contracted military equipment, but not the F-16s, and a refund for the planes, which could be sold

to a third country. No buyer for the 28 ageing F-16s has yet come forward, although the United States has asked Indonesia and the Philippines if they would be were being made, police said.

Sen, Brown's amendment Ms, Sevillano, 21, said she would also make clear that the United States was free: to cooperate with Pakistan in such areas as peacekeeping and fighting terrorism and drug smuggling.

### ICRC ready to take food to Sri Lankan war zone

COLOMBO (Agencies) — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said Monday it had reached an agreement with the Sri Lankan government to resume food supplies to the rebel-held Jaffaa peninsula in the

porth. Government sources said the ICRC would again escort government chartered ships to a rebel-controlled port in the war zone while continuing to avoid services to the navy fort of Kankesantur-

"After satisfactory discussions between the ICRC and the government... the ICRC has decided to immediately resume its activity of escorting the ships chartered by the government agent in Jaffina," the ICRC said in statement sent by facsimile to Remers.

Government sources said a key condition to end the month-old suspension of ICRC's operations to Jaffina, stronghold of the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), allows search of the ICRC-protected ships before they are offloaded at

Point Pedro. The ICRC stopped sailing to the northern region in late July after its own ship was sunk by a mine off Kankesantural. It later resumed services to Point Pedro, a Tiger controlled port, saying it had security guarantees from the guerrillas to go there.

It was not immediately clear whether the Tigers had endorsed the proposed search of the ships, which govern-ment sources said would take place 10 kilometres off Point

"We have no further details at the moment," ICRC spokesman said, declining to clarify the deal with the government.

The ICRC statement said two government-chartered ships, the Maho and the Kalyani, were already loaded and waiting at Col-ombo, adding they "would leave for the north as soon as

Government officials said the deal with the ICRC was made possible by the in-tervention by Sir Lankan President Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga.

Her excellency personally

intervened to arrange to rush food supplies to Jaffna," the region's government agent K. Ponnampalam told Reuters. Some 300,000 people were threatened with hunger as a result of the month-old standoff between the ICRC and

A rebel radio broadcast said Sunday a U.N. observer ws holding talks with guerrilla leaders in Jaffna, discus-

the government.

sing the food crisis. Meanwhile police com-mandos backed by air cover attacked Tamil Tiger guerril-las in eastern Sri Lanka, kiliing at least 21 rebels while losing three commandos, military officials here said

Special Task Force (STF) commandos launched the offensive in the Batticaloa district Sunday against the LTTE, a day after the rebels tried to overrun a task force base there, the sources said.

"We have confirmation that 21 terrorists were killed," a military sorace said. "One of them is an area leader. We fear that three STF men were also killed in the confrontation."

The air force was called in

to bomb rebel reinforcements and support ground troops who controuted the LTTE in the jungles of Kangikudich-

The LTTE's clandestine radio, the Voice of Tigers, made no mention of the weekend battles. On Saturday, the task force claimed another 36 rebels for the loss of six security men, also in

Batticaloa district. The Voice of Tigers said that there had been heavy shelling from an army camp located at Mandativu, just west of the LTTE-dominated northern Jaffna peninsula. The rebel radio did not say if there were any casualties.

The failed bid to attack the task force camp was the latest setback suffered by the rebels, who lost more than 300 fighters in an attack against the main Weli Oya military base in the northeast last

month. The LTTE is leading a protracted campaign to establish an independent homeland in the island's northeast where the Tamil minority is concentrated. More than 50,000 people have died in the conflict since

In a separate development, Sri Lanka has detained 20 intelligence officers for questioning over the appearance of badly decomposed bodies of young men in lakes and rivers close to Colombo, a senior police officer told

Renters Monday. The detentions came as a Tamil rebel newspaper said some of the bodies were those of minority Tamils whose eyes and kidneys had been removed before being

Between 50 and 60 army

and police in thisence officers had been questioned over the killings and 20 detained. ...

the officer said. More than 20 bodies have been found since May, most of them in the Bolgoda Lake. -south of Colombo, with some of the victims apparently starved and tortured before

they were killed, police said. Earlier this month, three decomposed bodies were found floating in the .. Divawanna Oya, a lake surrounding Sri Lanka's partiament near Colombo, bringing the number of bodies found there to five.

Inside Report, a newspaper published by the separatist Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE), quoting the Citizens' Committee of the rebel-held Jaffna peninsula in the north as saying some of the bodies were of Tamils whose organs had been re-

moved before being dumped. "Vital human organs like eyes and kidneys (have been) removed before the bodies of those tortured and killed are thrown into the river," the committee was quoted as

President Kumaratunga's office said recently the government was "deeply con-

cerned" about the bodies. Mrs. Kumaratunga had ordered a special investigation under the direct supervision of police Chief W. Ra-

jaguru, a statement said.
"The number of the dead and the circumstances surrounding the disposal of the bodies suggest that a well organised group with substantial resources is at the bottom of these macabre killings," the state-owned Daily

### Greenpeace warned not to breach nuclear zone

ABOARD THE RAINBOW WARRIOR, South Pacific (Agencies) - A French naval officer warned Greenneace Sunday not to breach an exit on a suspect

of a submarine. The officer, who did not identify himself, spoke by radio from one of two French warships circling the protest group's flagship Rainbow Warrior II and two other boats in the vanguard of a flotilia off the Mururoa Atoll test site.

The New Zealand Navy research ship Tui was also in the area to protest against the planned resumption of nuc-

around Mururoa and the French Navy ships — a frigate and patrol boat - were there to stop it entering.

But he declined to comchisson zone around France's ment on the suspected sight-main South Pacific nuclear, ing of a submarine by the test site and would not com-

Asked by a French television journalist on the Rainbow Warrior if there was a sub in the area, the officer said: "I cannot answer this question. "He then ended the communication.

Earlier, after the Rainbow Warrior met the Vega and the Bifrost off Mururoa Sunday morning, first-mate Derek Nicholls said he felt sure he had seen the periscope of a submarine while on watch

metres away and it went

straight up and stayed there

on Saturday afternoon. "It was really, really close," Mr. Nicholls told Reuters Sunday. "That's why I'm pretty sure of what I saw. "It certainly was not my imagination. I was about 300

for about 15 seconds and went straight back down again." he added.

"I thought, okay, it must be a while, but I have never spects their right to protest seen anything alive that and will come to their rescue reacts like straight up and if the boats encounter diffidown,"

them still sailing for Mururoa, are expected off the atoll by early next month, including a total of four Greenpeace vessels whose crew aim to prevent the first test going ahead.

The MV Greenpeace, which carries a helicopter, was expected to join the vanguard of the flotilla Monday.

France plans a final round of eight tests at Mururoa or the nearby Fangataufa Atoll between next month and May

French military policing the exclusion zones around Mururoa and Fangataufa have warned all boats, including the Tui, they would break French law if they breached the zones.

French warning notes delivered at sea to the Tui, Vega and Bifrost are all said to have stated the military re-

Anti-nuclear campaigner Stephanie Mills, aboard the Rainboaw Warrior, declined to say how Greenpeace plans to stop the first test. Another activist said the exclusion zones were so large as to be

almost impossible to police. "You can go in there (undetected)," said Henk ... Hazen, one of three activists who claim to have evaded French forces around Mururoa for almost two weeks in a small, black inflatable dinghy in July.

They might have toughened up security measures but it's still an awful big area to control. There's a iong line of beach there and some of it is inaccessible.

#### blast mir, disputed by neighbours India and Pakistan, Mr. Faroog said, urging Islama-bad to "try and raise the issue in the United Nations." Mr. Farooq also circulated copies of a letter to U.N. Secretary-General Boutros

ZAMBOANGA, Philippines (R) - Four people died and 22 were injured Monday in a fireworks factory explosion that may have been set off by a cigarette, police said. It was like a bomb... I felt

the ground trembling as if there was an earthquake, factory worker Carolyn Sevilland said after fleeing flames that engulfed the compound in Divisoria outside Zamboanga City in the southern Philippines.

"People were shouting, 'help us, help us.' I saw many people were wounded. Two men were lying on the ground with burns all over their body," she said from hospital where she was treated for minor injuries. The dead included three

factory workers and a fiveyear-old girl who was burned ership battle. when she was hit by flaming debris as she and her mother strolled 500 metres from the Eighty people were work-

ing in the compound when explosions ripped through the area at mid-morning, speaking a fire that razed one The trade and industry of the wooden houses where various types of fireworks

was putting firecrackers in their paper wrappers when an explosion rocked a wooden structure where other fireworks were stored, setting it

### Hashimoto emerges as sole candidate in Japan LDP leadership battle

TOKYO (AFP) — Interna-tinal Trade and Industry Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto emerged Monday as sole candidate to lead the biggest party in Japan's ruling coalition after Foreign Minsiter Yohei Kono dropped out of the race. Mr. Kono, who has beaded

the conservative Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) for barely two years following the loss of its parliamentary majority in 1993, declared Monday that he would not rus in elections for the LDP presidency next month. "Japan is in great trouble

and I have been questioning whether the LDP, the most responsible party in Japanese politics, should be engaged solely in intra-party bickerhe told a nationallytelevised news conference.

The surprise announcement by Mr. Kono, who also serves as deputy prime minister, came as Mr. Hashimoto appeared to be gaining the upper hand in the LDP lead-Mr. Hashimoto officially

announced last week he would run for the LDP president in elections scheduled for Sept, 22 and Mr. Kono said last week that he would declare his candidacy Tues-

minister, who has made no secret of his desire to become prime minister, is so far the only LDP member to declare for the party's top job. Mr. Hashimoto said he was

"quite surprised" by Mr. Kono's decision, "I was hoping to bold a healthy debate,

The LDP acrounts for more than half the cabinet of Prime Minister Tomiichi Murayama, who heads the left-wing Social Democratic Party. The third coalition party is the small New Party Sakigake of Finance Minister Masayoshi Takemura. Mr. Kono declined to say

whether he would step down as foreign minister and deputy prime minister, saying this should be decided by Mr. Murayama. Japan Broadcasting Corp. (NHK) said the government would ask Mr. Kono to stay.

The prime minister reshuffled the cabinet only three weeks ago when Mr. Kono and Mr. Hashimoto both retained their positions, as did Mr. Takemura.

The resbuffle followed the poor performance of all three coalition parties in July upper-house elections which saw strong gains by the New Frontier Party headed by former Prime Minister Toshiki Kaifu, himself a former LDP

New Frontier, formed through a merger of opposition groups at the end of last year, is dominated by dozens of disaffected LDP deputies who left the then ruling party in 1993, and the Buddhistbacked Komeito.

Mr. Kono, considered a moderate, replaced former Prime Minister Kiichi Miyazawa as LDP president in 1993 after the party lost its four-decade grip on power in a general election triggered by the massive LDP defections.

cided to abandon the traditional practice of picking leaders through back-room deals among factions. The party also decided to allow rank and file members to vote for the president and not just members of parliament, a move which seems to have hastened Mr. Kono's down-

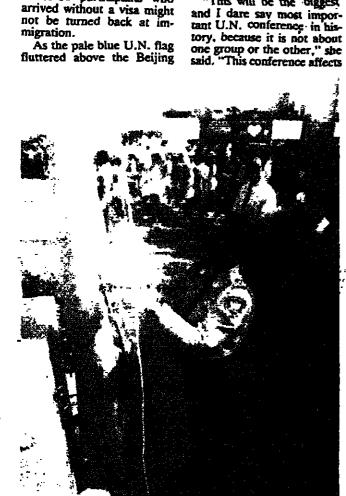
Kvodo News Service reported at the weekend that Mr. Hashimoto was more popular than Mr. Kono among the party rank and

Mr. Kono's decision appeared to have little immediate impact on the government although the longterm consequences were not

Mr. Hashimoto was quoted as saying Sunday that the outcome of the LDP election "should not affect the gov-ernment" formed by the three parties in June last year. "Whatever the result, I will not destroy the threeparty coalition.

But NHK noted that Mr. Hashimoto was considered a hawk within the LDP and that his election as party president was certain to have an impact on the coalition. The conservative party was

thrown into opposition for the first time in four decades in 1993 when the Social Democrats formed a coalition with several other parties, including the LDP defectors. The coalition fell apart last year when the Social Democrats switched sides to form a rival coalition with the LDP.



BEUING (R) - The U.N.

raised its flag Monday for the

World Women's Conference,

which Secretary-General

Gertrude Mongella hailed as

the most important U.N.

meeting in history, and ex-

cited delegates poured into

China by train and plane

Officials tried to cool con-

troversy amid confusion over

the issue of visas, saying

would-be participants who

from all over the globe.

A United Nation honour guard raises the U.N. flag outside the Beijing International Conference Centre, the site of the World Conference on Women at the handing over ceremony (AFP

SRINAGAR (AFP) --- Mus-

lim leaders Monday vowed to

pursue a campaign against Indian rule in Kashmir and

oppose elections int he trou-

bled province, governed directly by the New Delhi

The All Parties Freedom

Conference, which groups

some 30 Muslim political and

rebel outfits, warned that

federal plans for polls in

Kashmir by the end of the

year would escalate vio-

Kashmir is not an integral

part of India," said the Con-

The hard reality is that

since 1990.

### will discuss issues from abor-

portant stage in our long road to the realisation of the place tion to violence against of the women's conference in women and female circumcihistory," Ms. Mongella said after the flag raising. "This will be the biggest Among arrivals to what is expected to be the biggest conference the United Na-

Gertrude Mongella (centre), secretary-general of the U.N.'s fourth World Conference on Women, walks hand-in-hand with Huang Zhiqi, vice-chairman of the All China Women's Federation, as they view U.N. member flags at the Beijing

U.N. raises flag over World Women's Conference

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International Convention

Centre, site of the Sept. 4-15

World Conference on

Women, thousands of gras-

sroots delegates from around

the world poured through the

Today, we are at an im-

capital airport.

tions has ever held were Pierre Sane, head of Londonbased human-rights group Amnesty International. "We are seeking guaran-

tees that human rights are a women's right," Amnesty International said. The group would focus on

every human being on

Delegations from 185 na-

tions are to attend the confer-

ence and 30,000 people are to

take part in the non-

governmental organisation

(NGO) forum on women that

women's issues rather than on human-rights in China, a spokesman said.

at Beijing's only airport Mon-, Almost all of them will be foreigners from all over the student from Beijing University said. "I think most

Chinese delegates are coming The most immediate problem was a shortage of baggage carts and a lengthy wait in a huge queue as just one bank teller changed money at

Some arrived without visas, taking a chance after confusion surrounding issuing at Chinese embassies, diplomats said.

Chinese officials said such

arrivals would be dealt with

appropriately and might not

be expelled. NGO organisers

said officials had given a visa

disperse protestors opposed to polls the hill district of

Leh. The voting is seen as a

precursor to regional elec-

tions in the troubled state.

public meeting in the Kash-

mir Valley in six years by Prime Minister P.V. Nara-

simha Rao's Congress (1)

Party, to drum up support for

Security forces fired a

dozen shots and more than

100 tear gas shells in Srinagar

to disperse a protest march to

Conference leaders criti-

the proposed elections.

local U.N. office.

It also followed the first

the airport office of the Bank

where the grassroots forum is being held and officials sifted through baggage of delegates as part of a tight security net. women's issues rather than on human-rights in China, a China is nervous some despokesman said. The group would focus on legates may try to hold pro-

Everything seems to be going peacefully and I hope Pink-shirted volunteers that the people who come to from universities said they the conference will maintain expected 18,000 participants this tempo," Ms. Mongella

said.
"It feels very good to be here "" Said. Loretta Ross from the Centre for Demo-cratic Renewal based in Atlanta, Georgia. "We were told the government of China was going to do everything to keep us radical women out. Turns out the power of

arriving aboard a train from

Dannelle Stevens, a pro-

fessor from Portland State

University in Oregon in the

United States, said she and

her daughter got their visas two hours before departure

and a frustrating lack of in-

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plomats defeated some

women who wanted to come.

here," said Lourdes Quinta-

nilla, a health official from

Mexico. "I'm very emotion-

al. I have, what do you call it,

butterflies," she said after the

last of four flights from Mex-

ico, gesturing at her stomach. Hundreds of police lined

streets in suburban Huairou

"It's nice to finally be

Warsaw.

women is stronger even than the government of China." The organising committee found one unusual way to raise funds, auctioning a 90 kilogramme mooncake, traditionally eaten at the midautumn festival, to raise

4.800 yuan (\$575). "My original budget was 10,000 (\$1,200) but competitors were too few," said successful bidder, businessman Qi Zhongquan. He donated the cake filled with walhuts, sesame seeds, melon seeds and almonds to the conferto one woman from Cyprus ence.

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and is evenly populated by Muslims and Buddhists.

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### **Dilemma around Jericho**

SINCE BY Israel's own admission the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) is not legally obligated to hand over suspects in bomb attacks within Israel, why should Jericho come under siege by the Israelis? The Israeli minister of justice, David Libai, told a radio station Sunday that "by virtue of the accords between us, the Palestinian Authority is not obliged to transfer criminals to (Israel) the moment they are judged and sentenced." Mr. Libai went on to say that because of this legal construction of the Israeli-Palestinian agreements Israel "has not presented any formal extradition request." Foreign Minister Shimon Peres made the same interpretation of the accords when he said that "we have examined the legal aspects of this question in the cabinet and we have concluded that an extradition cannot be requested."

The bone of contention between the two sides are two Palestinians who belong to Hamas and are suspected of engineering the suicide bomb attack in Jerusalem on Aug. 21 that left five people dead and scores of others injured. The PNA has in fact apprehended the two men and sentenced them to 12 and seven years imprisonment respectively but refused to hand them over to Israel. Israel, however, continued its siege of Jericho in spite of the fact that there are no legal grounds to extradite the two on the pretext that the Jericho enclave is allegedly used as a safe haven for militant Palestinians who hide in it after conducting bombing attacks against Israeli targets.

The real issue here is not whether Jericho. Had this been the Israelis' real concern, then all Israel has to do is to call on the PNA to arrest all such people and take them to court for a fair trial. But to put the entire city of more than 10,000 people under siege is tantamount to putting all the residents of that city in prison. If this treatment of autonomous Jericho is a prelude to the treatment of other autonomous cities and towns in the future each time there is an attack against Israeli targets, then the whole Oslo agreement has to be questioned.

The only effective way of dealing with terrorism on either side is to accelerate the peace talks between them and realise an early Israeli withdrawal from all the Palestinian territories, in a bid at least to delineate each party's tasks and responsibilities. As long as there is an overlap in jurisdiction there will always be problems like the one in and around Jericho.

#### **ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES**

A WRITER in Al Ra'i daily urged all Palestinian factions, including Hamas and the Palestine Liberation Organisation's various groups, to unite in the face of Israel's stand vis-a-vis the city of Hebron. Not only was the city occupied in 1967 along with the rest of the West Bank areas, but the Israelis chose to occupy the city once again by building Kiryat Araba' settlement close to it and again by planting 100 Jewish families in the heart of the Arab quarters, said Mahmoud Rimawi. The writer said that to further consolidate their hold on the city, the Israelis last Friday attacked one of its homes, killing, in cold blood, two Hamas activists. Saying that the Israelis seem intent on perpetuating their occupation of the Arab city of 100,000 residents. the writer added that the question of Hebron has been deferred until the last phase of the Palestinian-Israeli negotiations on expanding the self-rule areas under the Oslo accord. The assassination of the two Hamas activists, and the demolition of the house where the two men hid, provide further evidence about Israel's ill intentions, said the writer. He said that the various Palestinian factions ought to agree on a common denominator and work together to save their homeland.

AL RA'I daily said Monday that the decision by the Council of Higher Education to accept a very limited group of students at the state-run universities was contrary to His Majesty King Hussein's slogan: Man is our most precious and valuable asset. The decision also conflicts with the concept of democracy and constitutes an infringement on citizens' right to choose, said the paper. It said the decision aborts parents' hopes to secure higher education for their children. Describing the decision of the council as a deadly blow to many Jordanian families, the paper said the whole Jordanian society ought to make moves to put an end to injustice. The paper said that a nation-wide campaign should be launched to back Parliament members' call to deal with this problem swiftly and promptly not only to serve justice to this year's school graduates but also to those graduating in the coming years.

The View from Fourth Circle

By Rami G. Khouri

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### The democratisation train: Stalled or only paused?

THE CONSIDERABLE controversy within Jordan about the condition of our post-1989 democratisation drive should be a cause for vigilence but not panic. There are many signs that the government and the power elite in general have become rather less tolerant of dissent and opposition opinions in the last several years, and less sensitive to public opinion in general on issues such as the peace process, normalisation with Israel, and relations with the USA. Iraq and others.

This has caused many to wonder if the Jordanian train of democratisation and political liberalisation has reached its final station, or is simply pausing at a station to prevent overheating, before continuing its forward journey. Time will tell. A good sign is the fact that the government has not yet changed any laws in order to erode or reverse any of the democratisation gains of the last six years - though reports suggest that some ministers would like to see changes made restricting rights in areas such as the press, political assembly and other critical aspects of democratisation.

The more sensitive and even restrictive government attitude to dissenting opinion is probably explained by the fact that the government is focusing all of its intellectual and political energy on fully implementing the peace accord with Israel; the quality and depth of our young democratic pluralism thus assume secondary importance for the time

In this context of serious domestic debate about the condition of our political system, we are challenged to accurately identify the nature of change that is underway and to focus on strategic, long-term targets that serve our genuine national interest — rather than the interests of distant or nearby imperial powers. The process of national political transformation — that we experience in Jordan today may be the single most important goal or value that defines us at this moment, and that differentiates us from other Arab or Third World states.

The process I mention is that by which we engage in domestic political, ideological and even cultural dialogue and debate in order to reach a consensus on a new brand of political culture that will slowly replace the old political culture that defined Jordan for the first six decades of its modern life. The old way, in which the government and a national power elite made all the important decisions that determined people's lives, has shown that it cannot endure for a combination of fiscal and political reasons.

The gradual liberalisation and democratisation of Jordan since 1989 have included many turns and twists, and various domestic political forces have seen themselves rise and decline. Islamists, tribalists, leftists, pan-Arabists, narrow Jordanian nationalists, Palestinian-Jordanian confederalists, and pro-government centrists compete daily for the support of the population, whether in formal elections, political party membership, or the public marketplace of ideas in the unofficial press and other fora.

Jordan has witnessed substantial domestic debate in recent months about several important regional and domestic issues, even though that debate has not enriched the state-run information media but has been restricted to the modificial press and other private institutions. The very fact of the debate that continues to take place is a constructive sign of our ability to express sharp political differences in a rational, civilised manner. Jordan may be the Arab country that is experiencing the most steady, sustained and meaningful political transformation from old ways to new, from a concentration of power in the hands of a small circle of decision makers to a more diffused manner of decision-

The relative decline of the domestic political power of Islamists and leftists, and the simultaneous rise of centrists and tribalists, is an early indication of the kinds of shifts in power that we are likely to witness in the years ahead, assuming, as I do, that the process of political modernisation and liberalisation will continue. This peaceful transfer of relative political power from some ideologies and tendencies to others within the country is a rather historic achievement in modern Arab political culture. It signals the strength of Jordan as a possible model for others in the region to follow — but only if the process of open, free and honest political debate and electoral competition continues and does not stall.

We cannot know now what Jordan's ideological identity will be in the coming years; but we do know that it can best assure itself a serious role in this region by being a credible example of a traditional Arab/Islamic culture that is committed to liberalisation and modernisation as means for its people to express their genuine identity, aspirations and values. Politically active Jordanians will always differ in their ideological beliefs, but they should agree on the importance of maintaining our expanding space for political debate and disagreement. Only if we maintain this valuable asset — our legally sanctioned rights publically to disagree with each other and with the government — can we reach national consensuses on the big issues that confront us now and in the future.

It does not much matter if Jordan turns to the right. centre or left. What matters most is that Jordan maintain the capacity to make such political and ideological turns when its people and leadership feel the need to do so. and to make those turns in a rational, peaceful and open manner based on the respect of individual rights and the will of the majority.

Any government will always, naturally, try to minimise dissent and to impose its views with the minimum amount of public discussion; this is the nature of power and incumbency, and we in Jordan are not about to rewrite the rules of human nature. What we can do, however, is to rewrite the rules of modern Arab governance, to insist that our ideological and other political differences will be channelled into an open, free process of debate that in turn underpins a truely representative and accountable system

of participatory governance.

The grumbling that we hear from many political activists is the sound of a minority that is learning the rules of majority rule. The majority in Jordan appears content with government policies, to judge by parliamentary voting and the results of the recent municipal elections. The outvoted minority is partly irritated about its more obvious lack of political clout; but it is mainly fearful that the pluralistic and participatory process of political decision-making itself may gradually erode and fray, and that its voices may be slowly silenced by the self-congratulatory attitude of a political elite that neither seeks nor values differing

These are real concerns that cannot be dismissed, even though they may only reflect the views of a minority of political activists. How the government and the dominant power structure address these concerns will be a good indicator of where we stand in our process of political transformation. Five years ago, at a similar turning point, His Majesty King Hussein responded to the challenge of the day by turning to the collective wisdom of the Jordanian people and summoning the royal commission that drew up the National Charter. The commission's process of collective decision-making based on consensus was as important as the final document it drew up. Today also, the process of political governance is as important as the specifics of its policies, and we must pay attention to the continued buoyancy and health of the very process of pluralistic political governance.

It might be useful to consider reconvening that same royal commission again, or an equivalent body that represents the full spectrum of political and social thought in Jordan, in order to strengthen and reinvigorate our national commitment to pluralistic democratisation — or at least to redefine and clarify those of its elements that have been subjected to some recent questioning by some

It is very healthy for Jordan to experience ideological competition conducted in an open, peaceful manner. It is vital that such a process should not stall or regress, but rather that it should continue and expand. It may be the single most important historical contribution that Jordan makes to the modern Arab World.

Will Beijing take on Moscow's old role of rival superpower to the United States? In Washington, Rupert Cornwell detects signs of a return to cold war simplifications, while in China, Teresa Poole finds resentment growing against Uncle Sam

### China and America on the edge of the abyss

ANY RUMOURS that the tended to a Manichean view legendary diplomat and reign affairs theorist George Kennan is at the tender age of 91, emerging from his Princeton retreat to take charge of Washington's China policy in person may be utterly dismissed. But the same cannot be said with such certainty of the doctrine that Kennan made famous, and upon which America built its cold war strategy against the Soviet Union. Now the U.S. ponders how to deal with the ambitions of the stirring Pacific Rim giant that seems preordained to take on Moscow's old role of rival superpower. And once again thoughts are turning to "containment."

In public, today's generation of policymakers here have none of it. The U.S., they insist, is committed to "constructive engagement" with China, to drawing the country irrevocably into the global mainstream, rather than boxing it off from the rest of the world. Such is the message of Peter Tar-noff, the third ranking official at the State Department, as he attempted to reverse the perilous downward spiral in Sino-America relations during his visit to Beijing last week. Nor are the immediate omens unfavourable.

The Chinese American human rights activist Harry Wu, the most recent bone of contention between the two countries, has been expelled from China. Hillary Clinton is now likely to feel she can decently travel after all to Beijing as honourary head of the U.S. delegation to the United Nations conference on women at the beginning of September. That gesture in turn may make it easier to take the edge off other disputes, ranging from Taiwan and trade to nuclear testing and weapons proliferation. But they will not disappear. And as China continues to grow into an economic colossus to match the U.S. itself, and its diplomatic and military clout grow in similar measure, calls for neo-containment are bound

to multiply.
The doctrine possesses after all a beguiling simplicity in these confused and fragmented post-cold war times. America has always tainment, pure and simple.

of the world, populated by How easy, it seems in retrospect, it was to manage world affairs when the Soviet Union was the fount of all wrong, and every de-cision could be subordinated to, and justified by, that logic. What is more, in some respects, the reputation of the old Soviet Union fits modern China like a glove; only that as Asia has replaced Europe as the driving force of the planet. so the villain has appropriately shifted from the North Atlantic to the Paci-Just as the Soviet gulags in their day, so do China's

human rights abuses today - from intolerance of political dissent to the use of forced prison labour and worse - arouse the idealistic and moralising instincts of American foreign policymaking: For Andrei Sakharov, read Harry Wu. Theortically at least, China remains Communist. Just like the old Soviet Union, it is prickly, secretive and largely unfathomable for foreigners. It is also seeking to expand its territory. Only too clearly, it is up to no good. For the vocal and ideology-driven Republican right, the "evil empire" has not vanished; its capital has merely been shifted a few thousand miles east.

And, for this school and

others, the parallels do not end there. Once it was Western Europe, now it is Tibet yesterday, Hong Kong today, then Taiwan and perhaps the Spratly Islands and the South China Sea shortly thereafter. Why not for that matter, turn ASEAN into an oriental NATO? In some senses, "containment" already exists. China is ringed by important U.S. allies, from Japan and Korea in the north to the Philippines in the south. "Containment" was defined by Mr. Kennan in his memorandum of 1946 as "the adroit and viligant application of counter-force at geographical and political points corresponding ic the shifts and manoeuvres of Soviet policy." In that sense, the recent reestablishment of ties between the U.S. and Vietnam, an historic foe of China, is con-

And almost inevitably, "containment" is bound to be a strand in American policy towards China. But it cannot be the only strand. The challenge for Washington lies in grasping the differences between the Soviet Union then and China now. Fifty years ago, Moscow over-ran half of Europe. In seeking Hong Kong and Taiwan, China only wants to reclaim Chineseinhabited territories that historically have been part of China. Notwithstanding the intemperate urgings of Speaker Newt Gingrich that the U.S. accord full diplomatic recognition to Taiwan, the existing "One China" policy implicitly recognises that the island's long-term future belongs with the mainland.

Washington must accept the fact that China always was and always will be a regional colossus, by dint of size and population alone. Its policies, though, must also reflect the bigger difference between the emerging Asian superpower and the old Soviet Union. Never was Moscow seriously considered a global economic heavyweight. It possessed in-stead what China lacks — and will continue to lack for the ity to project military power into every corner of the planet. China's strength is increasingly economic. Arguably the big-gest lurking danger to Sino-American relations lies not in China's territorial or militar ambitions, but a huge and stil growing trade surplus with Washington, which in a few years may well outstrip that of Japan.

Perhaps the last word belongs to Mr. Kennan, who in hindsight believes that ment" Mark I to self-defeating lengths. "The general effect of our cold war extremism." he wrote recently, "was to delay rather than hasten the great change which overtook the Soviet Union." The great change currently overtaking China is of a different kind economic, not (or at least not yet) political, liberalisation. But the result may yet be the same. A revamped "containment" therefore, by feeding China's historic grievances and insecurity, could prove no less counter-productive than the doctrine practised against Moscow for most of the second half of the 20th century.

### Irritation — and diplomacy

THERE IS No mystery about what the United States Under Secretary of State Peter Tarnoff, expected to hear during his talks last week with Chinese officials to discuss the parlous state of Sino-American relations. As the Chinese Foreign Ministery spokesman, Chen Jian, expalined, Washington's "top priority" is to honour its "One China" policy with immediate "concrete actions." The expulsion of the detained human rights activist, Harry Wu Hongda, may have improved the atmosphere as far as America is concerned, but for China other far more important issues remain non-negotiable.

As Beijing sees it, President Clinton's decision to allow the Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui, to visit the U.S. in June was the culmination of a series of anti-Chinese initiatives by Washington. As far as Beijing is concerned, Washington is bent on "splitting the motherland" by continuing to bolster the regime in Taiwan, which the mainland regards as a renegade province. The visit was the last straw for China, which had aiready become increasingly strident in its complaints about Washington's "big power bullying."

The litany of America's alleged offences against China's dignity is lengthy. Beijing maintains that the U.S. persistently interferes in a whole range of "internal" matters including human rights. Tibet, and the country's family planning policies, behaving as if it were the "world cop." The Chinese also resent the way America lambasts them for recent nuclear tests, given that the U.S. has itself carried out 20 times as many. China blames Washington for its failure to gain admission to the World Trade Organisation, and it has still not forgiven its adversary for publicly opposing Beijing's bid to host the 2000

Olympics. In such an embittered mood, the Chinese government is now warning its population to beware the hordes of radical American feminists who, it fears, are

set on undermining Beijing's successful hosting of the Fourth World Conference on Women, starting next week. Thus has the Sino-U.S. relationship slipped to what the official Xinhua news agency described as "their lowest ebb" since diplomatic ties were established in 1979.

China has always resented any foreign "med-dling" in Chinese affairs and views the outside world as determined to keep it down. "It is well-known that the Chinese people won their right of development only after driving big Western powers out of China through a century-long struggle," said Xinhua last week. Attacking the U.S. media for its anti-Chinese bias, Xinhua raged: "To put it bluntly, what made the slanderers gnash their teeth was precisely their fear of the 'rise of China'."

No one disputes that Chi-

na is now rising. The Middle Kingdom confidently expects to become an economic superpower over the next decade and, in the post-cold war world order, a strategic counterpoint to American global might. In a country where children are taught by rote at an early age how China enjoys a 5,000-year civilisation and invented gunpowder, the compass and printing, the culture's ingrained nationalism now has the opportunity to vent itself in the diplomatic arena. The fact that China is also entering an uncertain period because of the impending death of 91-year-old Deng Xiaoping, only encourages the leadership to fan the patriotic flame.

Restored pride and influence has not, however, led to an acceptance that successful international relations usually involve a degree of compromise. The agreement wrung by Washington from Beijing earlier this year on intellectual property rights protection was secured only at the eleventh hour after the countdown had begun on massive punitive trade sanctions against China. Beijing's brinkmanship on that

occasion achieved nothing but a very public climbdown over the closure of a number of factories producing pirated goods. At the end of the day, America was confident it held the upper hand because of the vast trade imbalance in China's favour.

On issues where Beijing feels supremely confident that right is on its side, it still displays a conspicious lack of diplomatic finesse. Take, for instance, the question of the Spratly Islands, an archipelago scattered across the South China Sea, which is claimed all or in part by China, Vietnam, Taiwan, the Philippines, Brunei, Indonesia, and Malaysia. Over the past month, China had been making noises that it was prepared to negotiate over the dispute. But last week it emerged that Beijing plans to hold military exercises somewhere in the Spratlys, a move that is bound to revive complaints among its Asian neighbours that it is China which is the bully. The Spratlys could be a key test of whether China uncompromising when dealing with Western countries — can develop a more mature approach to relations with fellow East Asian countries.

For Mr. Tarnoff, what matters is whether Harry Wu Hongda's expulsion signals any softening in China's belligerent style of diplomacy with the U.S. Up until now, the "concrete actions" demanded by Beijing as a pre-condition for an improvement in Sino-U.S. relations included an explicit assurance that Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui will not be making any more visits to the U.S. Beijing clearly realised that not even Mr. Wu was a big enough bargaining chip to extract this concession. If not mature, China has at least shown on the Harry Wu Hongda case that it can be pragmatic. In the end, Beijing did not want the spectre of a jailed Harry Wu Hongda looming over the forthcoming women's conference.

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### Mother of all mountains, father of all obsessions K2 is far big-Beaumont ger than the and Ed Doug-

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> carlier this year of Everest. What Alison would have wanted to say is that she thought and thought about what she was doing and the impact on her children. I am sure she thought hard before she went for the summit,"

It is the fact that Hargreaves was a mother who was prepared to put her maternal role on hold, however, that obscures the issue for many people. Even in the nineties, when a woman's right to self-fulfilment is undisputed. there are many who ques-tion whether, in leaving her children motherless, she displayed anything remotely approaching heroic qual-

The argument ignores the exceptional nature of the 33-year-old scientific officer's daughter from Derbyshire, a natural sportswoman who always needed a goal - the harder the better -- to aspire to.

And it ignores the pressures of modern mountaincering, where commercial considerations weigh as heavily as the thirst for personal glory. It is a one-sided debate, for it is unlikely ever to centre on a dead sportsman and father who is killed by his calling.

At the time Hargreaves died, two other British climbers were swept away by an avalanche on another peak in the same Karakoram range. Paul Nunn, aged 52, president of the British Mountaineering Council and the father of two grown-up daughters, was killed, along with Geoff Tier, a 50-year-old Shef-field climber who left a wife and a six-year-old daughter.

No questions were raised as to whether the father of a Hargreaves's husband, young child should have jum Ballard, who stayed be-hind at home in Scotland with Hargreaves the debate cuts across pender and eration. As a mother, did she have the right to follow the creed that she adopted — "better to live one day as a tiger than 1,000 years as a sheep?

Alison Hargreaves found it difficult to account for her inner compulsion to climb, beyond expressing a deter-mination to be the very best, and forge a career in a notoriously difficult profession. "I like standing on top of mountains," she told one interviewer. To another she admitted; "I suppose I must

have something to prove."

She explained the genesis of her passion in A Hard Day's Summer. It was — as

for so many mountaineers
— a chance encounter with the book The White Spider by ricinrich Harrer, a har-rowing but inspiring account of his first ascent of the North Face of the Eiger

By the time she was 15 she was climbing every weekend, and by her early twenties had graduated from local grissione outcrops so achieve a series of hard Alpine ascents. She was larger to either the Elecwas later to climb the Eiger while six months pregnant with her first child.

The small frame and open, almost childish, face concealed an absolute determination and a faith in her own abilities which sometimes rankled less committed climbers,

That she loved the mountains is not in question. But in her writing she often chose to express that passion on competitive terms, wondering what impression she made on other climbers she encountered on her solitary Alpine climbs, or in celebrating her own re-markable fitness. Few mountaineers would

deny that it is a selfish pursuit, attracting big egos - Hargreaves once compared her own to the size of Everest - and forceful personalities, often more tocused on their own ambitions and internal demons than the effect their lifestyle has on their families.

The impact her calling had on her children troubled her, but it didn't stop her. "It is a self-centred, self-indulgent profession, she said on one occasion. "But as far as Tom and Kate are concerned, mummy has always climbed mountains. My husband looks after the children when I am away, so they always have that stability."

None the less, on earlier expeditions she would sli away while the children were playing so as not to upset them. And from the top of Everest she sent them a message by radio saying: "I'm on top of the world and I love you dear-

According to her friends, she felt the separation worst in the Himalayas - a long way from home. On her first attempt to climb Everest last year she feared that frostbite was about to set in and, remembering the comment of a friend who asked her pointedly how she would feel about picking up her children 'without fingers', she turned back ---



450 yards from the top. For a time, after the birth of her children, Hargreaves gave up climbing, but once they had reached the toddler stage she returned to the sport, determined to make it pay by achieving something remarkable. The K2 expedition was the culmination of a series of ascents organised and promoted with the thoroughness

The letter she sent out to potential sponsors was as bald as it was ambitious. She stated simply that in the course of two years she would solo and are great Alpine north faces, climbing alone and unroped. inen she would climb Everest, again alone and without oxygen, before tackling K2, again without

of a business plan.

oxygen. Manchester-based outdoor clothing manufacturer Sprayway agreed to help, and Hargreaves and her family sold their house to spend a summer living in an old Land-Rover while she completed her Alpine odys-

In May, after her Everest feat, the company took out a series of advertisements in specialist mountaineering publications hailing her achievement as "the most important climb ever undertaken by a woman in

the history, of moun-taineering". Last week, the company was quick to emphasise that its sponsorship had not put Hargreaves under undue pressure. "She was a completely free agent. There was no pressure on her at all," said a spokeswoman.

But a clue to the inner pressures that might have been driving her came from her husband. If she had succeeded, he said, "she would be at the beginning of her life as a celebrity. She could support the fami-ly for life. She would never have to do a climb again." Earlier he had explained:

she makes a living. The fact that she has children is irrelevant," Mountaineering at the

highest levels of difficulty and altitude is a dangerous pursuit, and no mountain is more dangerous, or enticing to the cognoscenti, than K2.

As a result, with individual, and sometimes commercial glory beckoning, the base camp there, in common with that at Everest. has in recent years become a pressure-cooker environment, sometimes encouraging the best to push too hard and go too far. "Climbing has changed," says Julie Ann Clyma, who attempted K2 in 1993 with her partner Roger Payne. "In the old days, when the object was to get the expedition to the top, it was

much more of a team effort.

Now everyone is out to do it

for themselves.

"You see people who have invested a lot of money and a year's planning. They feel they need to justify themselves. Commercialisation has also made a big change and if you are like Alison, trying to earn a living and become famous, it put a terrible pressure on you. There is this feeling that you are only as good as your last mountain."

The fees to climb Everest and K2 are high. The Nepal authorities charge \$50,000 per expedition for Everest, while the Pakistan authorities charge \$10,000 for K2.

Roger Payne, general secretary of the British Mountaineering Council, is concerned that the need to generate large funds to climb on the highest mountains is distorting mountaineering's basic tenets. The system of high peak fees encourages people to buy into a collective rather than good friends who know each other well. High costs are forcing that change and the more expensive the mountain is, the greater the distortion. You could make that conclusion in this case on K2."

The precise details of what befell Hargreaves and her climbing companions will perhaps never be known. What is clear, though, is that the bad weather, for which K2 is so notorious, set in while she and the others were close to

For Alan Hinkes, who returned to Britain 10 days ago after climbing K2, the tragedy confirmed a premonition he had on the mountain. "Alison and I climbed together at first. Then we decided to change partners. Alison should have stuck with me, but instead she began climbing with an American expedi-

"The Americans were very pushy but I didn't feel they had very much 8,000metre experience. To some extent that went for Alison, too. She had climbed Everest, but that doesn't qualify you for K2.

"When I came down from the summit I sat in my tent at Camp Four in the dark and said: "Thank you" you know, to God or whoever — "thank you for letting me down." When I got to base camp I spoke to a television station by satellite phone, and, to be honest, I said that I thought there was going to be a repetition of the tragedy in 1986 when Al Rouse and Julic Tullis died. I didn't

want to hang around."

Rouse and Tullis, both British, were caught in four days of storms after reaching the summit and died at Camp Four.

On his way down the mountain, Hinkes met up with Hargreaves at Camp Two. "It was an emotional meeting. She congratulated me and said she wished she had been at the top with

Hinkes left after a storm at the end of July. "It was a huge fall of snow," he said.
"I was walking out and there were avalanches and rock and mud slips every-where. It would have been massively avalanche prone. The whole route is bloody dangerous."

Ten climbers left Camp Four, the highest, on Sun-day morning in separate groups, according to a number of reports quoting Scott Fischer, one of the American expedition. At 6 p.m. a radio call to base reported that Hargreaves, Rob Sla-ter and the New Zealander had reached the summit.

On the way down to Camp Four, however, the weather rapidly deterlorated — a fine day can turn into a blizzard in minutes around K2 - and the climbers could be seen pinned to the mountain. When the weather cleared, one body was still visible, but not retrievable.

Kevin Cooney, one of the American team, said last week that after two weaks of bad weather Hargreaves had been about to abandon the project, but conditions improved and she and Slater had decided to make another attempt. Peter Hillary, son of Sir

Edmund Hillary, one of the first two men to climb Everest, who was on the mountain at the same time, was reported as suggesting at that frangreaves had pushed. hard for the others to con

"One still hopes," he husband said this weekend "but to be honest there was always very little hope. She climbed the mountain. She died in the spirit of what she was trying to achieve."

He at least had no doubts about whether his wife had lived up to her responsibilities. "A lot of women will miss her in the sense that she has shown them it is possible to do things they may have doubted they could do. If you want to do it, then do it. If you fail then at least you have failed trying."

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### Jordan, Israel sign accord

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After announcing their agreement, Mr. Kawar and Mr. Kessar added that a joint ad hoc panel would finalise the draft of the transport accord on Thursday. The draft will be submitted to the two ministers for their approval prior to formal presentation to the respective governments, Petra said.

An Israeli transport minisry statement said late Monday that the Aqaba airport would be expanded close to the borders and would have two terminals. one on each side of the The statement said the

airport would be managed jointly by the two countries. It added that Israel refused to accept a proposal to have direct flights between Aqaba and Tel Aviv. There was no Jordanian

confirmation of the points mentioned in the Israeli Also reviewed as Monday's meeting between

Prince Hassan and Mr. Peres was Jordanian-Israeli coordination at the MENA summit, which is expected to be a turning point for the region's hopes for economic development in the newfound state of peace after Jordan and Israel signed the peace treaty following an interim accord between the Palestinians and Israel. No details were available

on the deliberations. The Jordan Valley meeting, which was held, according to the sources, at a farm owned by Mr. Kawar, was attended by Hani Al Mulki, the Jordanian co-chairman of a joint committee with Israel entrusted with supervising the implementation of the peace treaty.

Jordan's Ambassador to Israel Marwan Muasher and his Israeli counterpart in Amman Shimon Shamir also attended, in addition to the head of the Israeli civil aviation authority. In Um Qais in the north,

Jordanian Health Minister Aref Batayneh and his Israeli counterpart Ephraim Snch meanwhile signed an accord on cooperation in health affairs.

Petra said the accord provides for the exchange of medical information. conducting a study on exchange of information on modern equipment. pharmaceuticals and technology related to health.

The two sides will also exchange medical publications, documentaries on health care and services.

#### After signing the secord, Dr. Batayneh told reporters Jordan stood to gain much

from the second and that the Kingdom stood ready to offer health assistance and expertise to any party. That appeared to be a reference to a boycott of Israelis seeking cheap non-emergency

treatment at Jordanian dental clinics. Dr. Batavneh was asked whether the Jordanian Medical Association (JMA), an umbrella organisation that groups all practising Jordanian doctors, would cooperate with the

government implementing the agreement on cooperation in health affairs with Israel, The minister replied that it was the personal choice of doctors, like any other citizen, to take own decisions in a democratic atmosphere and that the government, would not

interfere in such matters, While some of the professional associations, unions and societies have their own views in regard to cooperation with Israel, the government is fully committed to the peace treaty with israel, the

minister said.

Mr. Sneh, the Israeli minister, underlined the importance of the agreement on cooperation in health and expressed hope that the two sides would soon launch joint action to benefit the peoples of the two countries. He also expressed hope that Jordanian and Israeli medical scientists would work logether to fight contagious I discuses in the region.

### Saddam assails U.S. buildup

(Continued from page I) to United Nations monitors

this month. However, the data must still be reviewed and verified and there is virtually no chance that the punitive measures will be eased when they come up for review next month at the United Nations.

The United States has said it will maintain its hard line on sanctions until Iraq meets U.N. requirements on a variety of topics that include the return of Kuwaiti property taken during the Gulf war and a full accounting of more than 600 missing Kuwaitis. A Kuwaiti official said Monday Iraq had raised hopes it might account for all 605 people reported missing

during the occupation of Kuwait after admitting it had transferred 116 of them to Iraci iails. Duáij Al Anzi said he not only expects to meet Iraqi delegates on Tuesday at the first such talks on the border but also to learn more about

the missing after Baghdad added 43 names to its list of 73 at a meeting this month in Geneva. However, the fate of the 116 prisoners on the list re-

mains unknown. Also fueling optimism on the prisoners is Iraq's new cooperation with the U.N. disarmament commission, said Mr. Anzi, head of the national committee for prisoners of war and missing persons affairs.

solution to both problems among key conditions for ending the sanctions on Iraq. I think the circumstances are different now," Mr. Anzi said, recalling how Baghdad recently released secrets on

Washington has made a

its weapons programmes. It is also only in the last year that Baghdad has admitted to having jailed in Iraq people it arrested during the 1990-1991 occupation, Mr. Anzi said. 'The Iraqis were denying having anybody after liberation," he said, cantioning however that Iraq has changed course in the past.

The two-day meeting starting Tuesday will be held on the Kuwaiti side of the demilitarised zone at the offices of the United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observer Mission, which monitors the border,

As in the previous meetings which are sponsored by the International Committee of the Red Cross, delegates from Iraq, Kuwait, the United States, Britain, France, and Saudi Arabia are to

A Kuwaiti woman, whose son was arrested at her home late one night during the occupation, has placed her hopes in signs that Saddam Hussein may be losing his grip on power,

Meanwhile, Kuwaiti newspapers reported that 30 Kuwaitis captured during the Iraqi occupation of the emirates were freed during the 1991 Shiite unrest in Iraq but recaptured and sent to an underground prison outside Baghdad.

The 30 had been freed from a prison in the southern Iragi city of Basra by rebels in March 1991 but recaptured by Republican Guard troops and sent to Ridwaniya prison, the Arab Times and its sister paper Al Siyasseh reported.

Another 145 Kuwaitis escaped from the prison during the chaos that followed said,

the Gulf war to free Kuwait "and their fate has not been known since," former Iraqi soldiers who fied to Jordan told the newspapers.

Several hundred prisoners in the Basra prison — 400 according to the Arab Times and 450 according to Al Siyasseh — were sent to Baghdad before the uprising. Sources in Amman also said Iraqi President Saddam was planning an "initiative" on the prisoners.

Kuwait says 605 people, including 550 Kuwaitis and eight women, were captured during the occupation and taken to Iraqi jails. Lieutenant-General Hassan, the defector, said Iraq

was revealing all its secrets on its banned weapons of mass destruction to the United Na-"Baghdad has revealed a huge amount of information and it is in the process of handing over the rest," Gen.

ly Al Wasat. It was the first time Gen. Hassan - considered the architect of Iraq's advanced weapons programmes made a positive comment about Baghdad since he de-

Hassan told the Arabic week-

Gen. Hassan also said Iraq bad set up contacts with

"Baghdad recently revealed all information, and if there is any yet to be given I am convinced of the importance of divulging everything on weapons of mass destruction," Gen. Hassan told the London-based newspaper. "With regard to conven-

tional weapons it is not up to me to reveal anything on this subject. It concerns our army and we don't have to reveal anything to anybody," he

Gen. Hassan told Al Wasat that Baghdad began to establish contacts with Israel in 1987, initially through a direction of a U.S. bank who was of Iraqi origin and named

These contacts took place in Egypt and were inter-rupted in 1988," he said. Recent contacts took place through Barzan al Tikriti, President Saddam's halfbrother and Iraq's ambassador to the United Nations in Geneva, Gen. Hassan said.

Iraq and Israel both denied reports of contacts last year. Gen. Hassan also said Iraq had contacts with militant organisations, though he denied reports that the head of the Fatah Revolutionary Council, Abu Nidal, was in

vehicles on manoeuvres in Kuwait will hold their first live fire exercise in the desert on Wednesday following several days of routine maintenance and alignment of weapon sights, U.S. army

### Israeli moves threaten peace talks

and the Palestinian Bureau of Statistics in Arab East Jerusalem.

to close down or be shut. stitutions were not part of the Palestinian Authority.

order affected his private office. The official PBC office is in the West Bank town of Ramallah. He said the move was a result of right-wing pressure on Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

"It's completely against the agreement, especially that those three centres are very old centres, (from) even before our Palestinian Authority and our arrival here in Gaza," Mr. Arafat told re-

porters in Gaza City.

Baghdad. "These ties have continued with some Arab and Palestinian organisations but they have been cut with Abu Nid-

al's movement," he said. Meanwhile, eight ships carring U.S. weapons have arrived in the Gulf and more are heading to the waterway as a part of an American military buildup in the region following the fresh tension over Iraq, a U.S. navy official

U.S. tanks and armoured

#### (Continued from page 1) operations or face eviction by

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Israeli Police Minister Moshe Shahal gave the three

officers said.

"If in 96 hours these institutions are not closed, we will act and I personally will sign an order and close these institutions," Mr. Shahal told the Knesset, or parliament. Israel believes the Palesti-

nians are using the offices to establish a de facto government in the eastern sector of the city which Israel occupied in the 1967 war. Palestinians see East Jerusalem as the capital of a future state. Jerusalem's Israeli mayor,

Ehud Olmert, said Israel had to stop the Palestiniana creating the basis to divide the city and create Palestiman rule in the Arab sector of the city, where more than 150,000 Palestinians live.

"The Palestinians are trying to build an infrastructure of an alternative government headquartered in what they believe to be their future offices four days to shut down capital," said Mr. Olmert.

### Saudi economy poised for slight growth in 1995

ABU DHABI (AFP) — Saudi Arabia's economy will grow only slightly in 1995 due to lower government expenditure and a decline in oil prices in the second half of the year, bankers in the kingdom predicted Monday.

The gross domestic product (GDP) will rise by around 0.5 per cent compared with earlier projections of a one per cent decline,

they said.
"We had predicted a negative growth in the Saudi economy for 1995 but we later revised the forecast to a positive growth after oil prices increased," one banker told AFP by telephone from

"Now as oil prices retreated, we expect the economy to grow by around 0.5 per cent in nominal terms," he

Bankers said the growth was expected for the overall GDP as the government sector would likely recede this year due to lower spending. But they noted the private sector was expected to increase by around three per cent in real terms.

It would be second year running that the public sector records negative growth while the private sector continues to gain momentum.

In 1994, the private sector surged by nearly five per cent but a downturn in the public sector depressed the overall economy in nominal terms by around 0.8 per cent to \$120 billion from \$121 billion in 1993. This was mainly because oil prices fell to \$15.5 from \$16.33 a barrel.

Saudi Arabia controls more than a quarter of the vorld's proven crude rerves and its production of ht million barrels per day ounts for nearly 12 per It of global oil supplies.

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ture and increasing fees on government services. The kingdom has staved off income taxes to avert a repetition of mass resignations a decade ago.

"We expect better growth rates in Saudi Arabia in the coming years as the private sector will continue to grow given its huge potential and the government's trend to boost its role," a Saudi banker said.

"The private sector now accounts for around 45 per cent of the GDP and the level will largely increase in the next few years when privatisations are carried out. The sector has also started to reduce reliance on state spending and to develop its own viable development base. You can say that in the near future, the private sector will become the engine of domestic growth," the banker said.

Bankers estimated that the Saudi private sector, the wealthiest in the Middle East, repatriated around \$40 billion from its overseas assets in the two years that followed the Gulf war.

They said capital return had showed down over the past two years due to uncertainty in the Saudi economy, but they expected it to pick up with the latest cabinet shake up and the announcement of a new five-year plan.

The sixth plan, announced in July, is the most radical development plan in Saudi history as it focuses on reforms and expansion of the non-oil sector. It set an annual growth target of 3.8 per cent, although bankers said it forecast lower spending, estimated at around \$200

The British Barclay's Bank had drawn a better outlook for the Saudi economy, projecting a 1.5 per cent growth in 1995. But its projection was released when oil prices were as high as \$17.5, which it said had boosted the kingdom's earnings by nearly \$2.3 billion in the first five

months. Over the past few weeks. oil prices have slipped to below \$16 and bankers expect them to average between \$16 and \$17 for 1995.

"The oil sector still contributes by nearly one third of the Saudi GDP. Any upward or downward price move will naturally affect growth," a banker said.

THE Daily Crossword by Dorothy B. Martin



at a construction site in Dhaka's Aminbazar suburb receiving a daily wage of 50 taka (about \$1) each. They are among hundreds of poor women, mostly from rural areas, who contribute hard work at construction sites around the

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### **UAE** imports double in 4 years

ABU DHABI (AFP) — United Arab Emirates (UAE) imports have nearly doubled since 1990 due to an economic upturn and a surge in reexports to Iran and other countries, an official report has showed.

From 42.5 billion dirhams (\$11.58 billion) in 1990, the imports soared to around 80 billion dirhams (\$21.8 billion) in 1994 while a reexports jumped from 12.8 billion dirhams (\$3.48 billion) to 32 billion dirhams (\$8.7 billion). the central bank said.

The bulk of the reexports. mainly food, cars and electronics, went to neighbouring Iran, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and to India, Pakistan, Singapore, Hong Kong, Thailand, and Taiwan. "In 1994, around 43 per

cent of the imports came from Japan, China and other Asian nations while 40 per cent came from European countries and the rest from American countries," the central bank said.

Total exports also increased from 79 billion dirhams (\$21.5 billion) in 1990 to 92.8 billion dirhams

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But a balance of payment surplus leapt from 290 million dirhams (\$79 million) to around 2.36 billion dirhams (\$643 million) in the same period mainly due to a decline in remittances from around 18.8 billion dirhams, (\$5.12 billion) to 12.5 billion & dirhams (\$3.4 billion).

The report showed crude oil exports plunged from 54.5billion dirhams (\$14.8 billion) in 1990 to 43.1 billion dirhams (\$11.74 billion) in 1994 due to a decline in oil prices. But gas earnings rose from 4.5 billion dirhams (\$1.22 billion) to 5.1 billion dirhams (\$1.38 billion).

Income from domestic and overseas investment grew from 7.6 billion dirhams (\$2.07 billion) to 8.25 billion dirhams (\$2.24 billion).

Meanwhile, the UAE is maintaining high spending on development projects despite a decline in national income caused by weak oil prices.

### Non-OPEC states weaken oil price effort — Kuwait

KUWAIT (R) - Non-OPEC producers are undermining attempts to boost oil prices by failing to respond to pleas for market cooperation with OPEC, Kuwait's oil minister said in remarks published

Monday.

"There must be cooperation and coordination, between producers inside and outside the organisation to stabilise the oil market and to allow prices to rise to suitable " Abdul Mohsen Al Mudej was quoted as saying by Al Watan daily.

The Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) has not changed its production ceiling since September 1993 and often criticises non-OPEC producers for pumping up the volume and thus thwarting its efforts to boost prices.

Global demand has grown by two million barrels per day (b/d) in the past two years but most of that has been grabbed by an extra 1.7 million b/d of output from producers outside OPEC.

a response from non-OPEC members to requests by OPEC to cooperate on production was devaluing OPEC's attempts at curbing its excess production. "The organisation's setting of a specific production ceiling and the commitment of its countries to their quotas is lion b/d. offset by an increase in pro-

mand," he said. "Many meetings were held between the two sides but unfortunately there is no response from some of those producers, especially the North Sea ones, to the organisation's calls about preserving production levels," he

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Sheikh Mudej is a member of OPEC's quota compliance committee, which will meet next month in Venezuela before a three-day conference of oil producer and consumer

countries. The committee was formed in 1993 to monitor OPEC adherence to its output ceiling of 24.52 mil-

Sheikh Mudej reiterated Kuwait would press for a 200,000 b/d rise in its 2.0 million b/d OPEC quota in the event that the organisation raises its overall ceiling at its ministerial meeting in November in Vienna.

Meanwhile, a Qatari oil official said oil produces in and outside OPEC should come to an agreement on market share but failing that the oil group should consider changing its production ceiling next year.

OPEC should first look at improving prices. We also want a better share of the market. Qatar favours an

agreement between OPEC world markets in the past two and non-OPEC countries on market share," the official

"If that fails then we should consider changing the output ceiling in 1996," he told Reuters, but would not say if Qatar supported lowering or increasing the ceiling. OPEC has a 24.52 million

b/d production ceiling that has not been changed since September 1993 even though economic growth has added two million b/d of demand to

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In late June, OPEC ministers meeting in Vienna hinted they may increase output to recapture lost market share, igniting pressure on oil mar-

But traders and analysts say oil prices could plunge if OPEC raises its production ceiling.

Surging non-OPEC output and the current low oil price leave OPEC with few options, they say.

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

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by Herri Amold and Mike Arginion

official. Qatari Oil Minister Abdullah Bin Hamad Al Attiyah has said producers outside: OPEC should take responsize bility for protecting oil prices.

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market," said the Qatari oil

HOROSCOPE \*\*\* FORECAST FOR TUES-DAY, AUGUST 29, 1995 By Thomas S. Pierson,

Foundation ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) Adding new interests is wise provided they can be nicely combined with present activities which are worthwhile to you.

Astrologer, Carroll Righter

TAURUS: (April 20 to May ... 20) Be more modern in dealing with your mate and get better results. Strive for more your loved ones. GEMINI: (May 21 to June

21) Be more cooperative with partners and with worthwhile persons they may introduce to you. Make intelligent plans for the future. MOON CHILDREN: (June

22 to July 21) Be more speedy in handling your regular tasks and forget all that procrastination. Be happy at home in the evening with your mate.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Find out what your loved ones expect of you and try to .combine past benefits with a new course. Entertain those - : you feel can help you to progress.

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SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Study your talents better and know how to make them operate more efficiently. Get in touch more efficiently. Get in touch with the powerful and influential people.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Have discussions with experts and get the know-how so that you can advance in your career. Your mate can be helpful to you today.

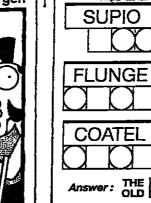
AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Bigwigs who are friends can also help you in your personal life, if you ask for assistance now. Gain more popularity from those close to you.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) If you do exactly what bigwigs desire of you, you gain big benefits now. Be willing to accept and use new conditions to your advantage.

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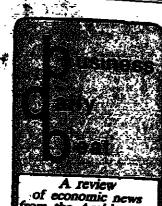
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### **Companies** release mid-year financial results

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Company earned JD 65,803 and a profit of about JD 34,810. 3) The Arab Banking Cor-

poration (Jordan) increased pretax profit by 16.7 per cent to JD 1.52 million. Net interest earned

amounted to JD 1.8 million while other earnings totalled JD 1.1 million compared to JD 1.7 million and JD 0.9 million as of June 30, 1994. Total assets increased by JD 2.6 million to reach JD 156.9 million as of June 30, 1995. 4) The technical departments of the Arab Life and Accident Insurance Company boosted profit from JD 230,000 to JD 350,000. However, income from investments declined from JD 194,000 to JD 144,000 and other earnings fell sharply from JD 94,000 to JD 38,000. As such, the total net income as of June 30, 1995 amounted to JD 0.53 million compared to JD 0.52 million as of June 30, 1994.

5) The Universal Insurance Company recorded a loss of D 34,318. O De General Arabia Insur-

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9) The Jordan Worsted Mills Company made JD 1.5 million profit from JD 5.7 million of sales

10) The Arab Paper Converting and Trading Company registered JD 233,944 profit from JD 989,000 of sales. 11) The Industrial, Commercial and Agricultural Company (Al Intaj) reported sales at JD 8.8 million and profit at

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## U.S. banks swept by merger fever

NEW YORK (AFP) — Two marily in Ohio, Kentucky also announced they were of the largest U.S. banks, chemical Banking Corp. and with \$15 billion in assets, "This is a strategic merger. Chase Manhattan Corp., announced Monday they were merging to create the biggest ban in the United States amid a wave of such deals between financial institutions here.

The Chemical-Chase merger deal, involving a \$10 bilion share swap, will also create the fourth largest bank worldwide with assets of some \$300 billion.

Meanwhile, in another example of the quickening pace of deals between financial companies here. National City Corp., a financial services group, Monday said it was buying Integra Financial Corp. for \$2.1 billion in a stock swap.

National City Corp, lwith \$35 billion in assets, operates banks and other services prioperates banks and other services mostly in Pennsylvania.

With at least six mergers among the top 50 U.S. banks this year, U.S. financial institutions, spurred on by attempts to reduce costs and expand nationwide, have been consolidating as never

"The financial services industry is in the midst of the greatest period of consolidation in its bistory, and we are seizing upon a truly unparalelled opportunity to create a premier global financial services company." Chemical's chairman and chief executive officer Walter Shipley said Monday.

Only this summer, First Union and First Fidelity and First Chicago Corp. and NBD Bancorp, Inc., have

merging.
"This is a strategic merger." a sale o It is a merger, not a sale of the company, Thomas Lab-recque: Chase Manhattan charman and chief executive officer, fold a news confer--

ence here. Wall Street welcomed news of the deal with Chemical shares up 4 7/8 at 59 1/4 and Chase of 6 at 59 in mid-modining trading.

The merger, hammered out over a month and approved Sunday by the boards of directors, is still subject to ratification by shareholders and federal and state regulatory authorities. It is expected to be com-pleted by March 1996.

The new bank will retain the name of Chase-Manhattan, a name better known both nationally and internationally, Mr. Shipley

The new bank's capital base will be some \$20 billion and some 25 million customers in the United States.

The banks said estimated annual cost savings from the merger would be \$1.5 billion. around 16 per cent of com-bined 1995 operating ex-

The savings would be achieved within three years, by consolidating certain operations and eliminating redundant costs."

The chairman told a news conference that savings would entail elimination of some 12,000 of the combined banks' 75,000 jobs in 51 countries, on a proportional basis between the two institutions and most of them through natural attrition.

One Chase Manhattan share would be swapped for 1.04 shares of Chemical. This values Chase at around been accelerated by legisla-\$56.55 per share, a stight tion adopted last year which premium on the bank's current share price of \$53.

"We expect the new Chase to achieve double-digit earnings per share growth, an efficiency ratio in the low 50s and a return on equity of 18 per cent or better," according to Mr. Shipley, who will be

chairman and chief executive officer of the new bank. mergers and takeovers has

The current wave of bank

allows U.S. financial institutions to buy others across state lines as of September and enabling banks to set up interstate branches in two

years' time.
The Wall Street Journal said that with over 10,000 banks in the United States there was still plenty of room

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York-based consulting and accounting firm, predicted that over the next 10 years, half of all U.S. banks branches will close, with the disappearance of 450,000 of the industry's 2.8 million jobs.

Other reasons for mergers include action by shareholders amtious to reap a profit while stocks are high they have risen by more than a third this year - and before their companies have to fight off hostile take-over bids.

#### Japan sets plan to wind up failed credit union TOKYO (R) - Japanese aucided to cooperate in the .which supervises local credit thorities Monday announced a \$2.7 billion plan, including government aid, to wind up unions, suspended part of scheme," a senior finance ministry official told repor-Cosmo's operations on July

Tokyo credit union Cosmo Shinyo Kumiai, which failed this summer after a run on its The Bank of Japan (BOJ), the Tokyo City government and Japan's deposit insurance

body pledged aid to the scheme, while private financial institutions were to forgive a total of 63 billion yen (\$656 million) in loans to Cosmo. Depositors would get their

money back, but large depositors would be asked to give up some interest on their money.

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The plan is expected to be a model for dealing with future collapses of Japan's small financial institutions, struggling under bad debt inberited from the collapse of the late 1980s "bubble economy" of inflated asset and

property prices. Cosmo is one of nearly 400 Japanese credit unions which take deposits and lend money, mainly to members. They have been hit particularly hard by Japan's huge among of bad loans, which authorities estimate totals 40 trillion yen (\$416 billion) and private analysts say could be

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The plan drawn up by the city government, the BOJ and the finance ministry followed a month of tough negotiations over who would take responsibility for cleaning up the financial mess and who would bear the pain of writing off loans.

Under the plan, Cosmo would be wound up and its business transferred to Tokyo Kyodo Bank, a special bank established with government support earlier this year to wind up two other credit un-

Minoru Masubuchi, director of the BQI's financial and payment system department, said the overall cost of the Cosmo scheme would be 260 billion yen (\$2.70 billion), and he hoped it would be

completed within five years, The BOJ would provide about 20 billion yen (\$208 million) through long-term, uncollateralised loans to help cover Cosmo's losses, while the Tokyo government would also give some 20 billion ven.

The Deposit Insurance Corp of Japan, which insures depositors using premiums from private banks, would give about 110 billion yen (\$1.14 billion) to the scheme. Among other aid, credit unions around Japan would stump up 18 billion yen (\$187

### Imelda welcomes return of Swiss money to Manila

MANILA (AFP) - Imelda Marcos Monday welcomed a Swiss judge's decision to send back to Manila nearly \$500 million of the fortune said to have been amassed in secret accounts by her late husband. But lawyers for around

10,000 people who suffered rights abuses under the iron rule of Ferdinand Marcos may try to block the move.

"I'm happy if there is a decision to bring the so-called Marcos assets to the Philippines," the country's former first lady said in a statement.

"Ever since the death of my husband... I have been concerned in the implementation of his last will and testament to give his wealth to the Filipino people, added Imelda Marcos, who is appealing against a 24 year

jail term for corruption. Swiss magistrate Peter Cosandey said Monday ne had ordered the transfer to the Philippines of about \$500 million the Philippine authorities have proved was hoarded in Swiss banks by the former president.

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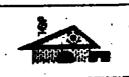
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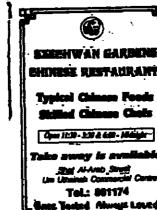












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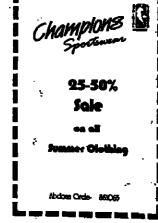
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A November 1994 file photo of Tottenham took over as manager of the London club. Hotspurs Chairman Alan Sugar (left) and Sugar is reported to be wanting to sell the Gerry Francis on the day Francis officially troubled club for \$80 million (AFP photo)

### 'Sugar threatens to sell Spurs'

appeared to be heading towards crisis follow- for his decision to leave for Bayern Munich ing a newspaper report on Monday that after just one season. under-fire chairman Alan Sugar wants to sell Sugar, whose side have managed just one

and Nick Barmby, told the Sun newspaper his wish to sell up was no idle threat. "I'm sick of all the aggravation. I'm not going to stand the abuse any longer. I'm only ever talks all absolutely serious about selling," Sugar told about the game.

star players Jurgen Klinsmann, Gica Popescu

The electronics entrepreneur has been involved in a long-running feud with England coach Terry Venables. The two men teamed up to rescue the club from a financial crisis but

subsequently fell out. But potential buyers would seem to be thin on the ground, as shown by former manager Venables's failed attempts to find backers in his own bid to take control in 1991.

In a thinly veiled jibe at the former White and it's in the minutes." Hart Lane manager, whose business interests include a West End drinking club, Sugar is quoted in the Sun as saying:

"Let them get someone else in, an entrepeneur, a wine bar owner with 50 million. "If anyone thinks they have got the money and could do a better job than me, then come

"Give me back the money I'm owed, purchase my shares and I'll be off for the benefit...of the club.

Sugar's apparent eagerness to quit follows eports that Spurs fans former hero Klins- drew his remarks.

records Monday, bringing

their nation even with Japan

in the overall World Uni-

versity Games gold medal

But South Korea and Bul-

garia were the day's biggest

winners with four golds each.

Rhythmic gymnastics world champion Maria Petro-

va of Bulgaria, already the

multiple events gold medal-

list here, added golds in the

ribbon, clubs, ball and rope

events with perfect 10s in all

but the rope, where she scored 9.975. Teammate Di-

ana Popova won four silver

men's and women's team

events in judo, and added

golds in swimming and gym-

Japan was held to a single

swimming gold, leaving it

tied with the United States at

15 gold medals each. But

Japan still led 43 to 42 in total

South Korea had eight

Mexico won its first gold,

China, Hungary and Be-

For Belarus, Vitali Scher-

larus each gained two golds

bo, who won six golds at the

1992 Olympics but has been

bothered by injuries recently,

had to settle for one, in the

Croatia had one gymnas-

For the American swim-

mers, Tobie Smith slashed 21

seconds off the games record

in the women's 1,500-metre

golds. Russia seven, and Chi-

na and Bulgaria five each.

in men's three-metre spring-

board diving, and Germany took gold in the women's

one-metre competition.

Monday in gymnastics.

vault, and two silvers.

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The Koreans won both the

medals.

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LONDON (AFP) — Tottenham Hotspur mann blamed the chairman's lack of ambition

The 31-year-old Germany international, the club for 50 million pounds (\$80 million). who finished last season by being voted Footballer of the Year, was said to have point and two goals this season after selling become disillusioned after Sugar and manager Gerry Francis had failed to answer his question about whether money would be spent on strengthening the team for this season.

Klinsmann reportedly said of Sugar: "He only ever talks about money. He never talks

"I would say there is a big question mark over whether Sugar's heart is in the club and in football. The big question is what he likes more, the business or the football?" But Sugar is quoted by the Sun as saying:

Klinsmann says only 1.5 million was avail able for new players — what rubbish. "At a board meeting in May it was agreed

that 7.5 million was there for Gerry to spend Francis spent 4.5 million pounds replacing

Klinsmann with Crystal Palace's Chris Armstrong in the close season along with free transfer acquisition defender Clive Wilson from QPR.

The former QPR manager is used to buying players under financial restrictions though he still has just over five million pounds available for new players.

Sugar complained before the season began that transfer fees should be regulated by the Football Association, although he later with-

zontal bars.

the beam.

na's Dong Zhong on the hori-

Women gold medal gym-

nasts were Belarus' Olga

Iourkina in the floor exercises, China's Ding Yan on

the uneven bars, Hungary's

Eszter ovary in the vault and

Russia's Oxana Sivovol on

Sabre fencing when Stanislav

Pozdniakov edged Ukraine's

Vadim Gutsayt 15-14 in the

South Korea's team judo

golds eroded Japan's domi-

nance in its native sport.

Japan had won eight of the 16

individual judo golds, while South Korea had four.

in the women's team final

won the men's three-metre

springboard diving with

398.31 points in the final to

404.40 for Kevin McMahon

of the United States and

374.04 for Zhao Xin of Chi-

was very high, so I'm very

happy with the good result,

"The level of competition

and Russia in the men's.

The Koreans beat France

Mexico's Fernando Platas

gold medal match.

Russia won the men's

**World University Games** 

Americans catch Japan in gold medals race

FUKUOKA. Japan (AP) — nutes, 20.58 seconds. Team- janov of Croatia on the rings, American swimmers won mate Julie Millis was second South Korea's Jung Jin-Soo was the women's diving win-

three races and broke two in 16:34.01 and Japan's on the parallel bars and Chiner, with 264.54 in the final

Tamako Kihara, the 800-

metre winner, was third in

The Americans broke

another games record in the

women's 4×100-metre med-

ley relay, winning in 4:10.49.

Japan was second in 4:11.55

and China third in 4:14.47.

The old mark was 4:11.24, set

from Japan's Jo Yoshimi on

the third length — the breast-stroke portion — and won the men's 200 individual

medley in 2:02.96, with

Yoshimi second in 2:03.40.

Jason Lancaster of Stan-ford, the 100 butterfly gold

medallist, was third in

2:03.64 and — less than an

hour later - took another

bronze in the 200-metre

South Korea's Ji Sang-

Joon won the backstroke in

2:01.19, with Japan's Ryuji

Horii second in 2:01.32 and

Lancaster third in 2:01.96.

already the gold medallist at

400 metres, won the women's

200-metre individual medley

in 2:17.00. Lenka Manhalova

of the Czech Republic was

second in 2:17.20 and Slova-

kia's Martina Moravcova, the

100 freestyle winner, was

After 29 swimming events,

the Americans have 14 gold

medals and Japan has six.

Swimming concludes with

The men gymnastics win-

ners included Russia's

Evgueni Chabaev, already

the men's all-around gold

medallist, in the floor exer-

Zoltan Supola on the pom-

mei horse, Aleksej Dem-

Others were Hungary's

five races on Tuesday.

third in 2:17.36.

Japan's Fumie Kurotori,

backstroke.

Tom Wilkens took the lead

by Americans in 1985.

### Seles returns to U.S. Open site in charity match

FLUSHING, N.Y. (R) — Monica Seles of the United States made her long-awaited return to the stadium court at the U.S. Open on Sunday, but it was a relaxed affair as she competed in the fourth annual Arthur Ashe AIDS Tennis Challenge.

Rubin

beats

Maleeva

in final

MAHWAH, N.J. (R)

Mogdalena Maleeva of Bul-

garia got off to a good start

and then faltered as Amer-

ican Chanda Rubin came

back to score a 6-7 (6-8)

6-0, 6-3 upset victory in the

pathmark tennis classic fin-

al Sunday at the crossroads

Rubin, the sixth seed

who is ranked No. 16 in the

world, reeled off nine

straight games to 3-1 in the

third set against an error-

first set and came back in

the third," said the third-

seeded Maleeva, who holds

a No. 7 ranking. The match did not hurt my confidence going into the U.S. Open. I

had some good wins here."

In the semifinals, she beat

second-seeded Jana Novot-

Rubin, 19, earned a \$20,000 first-place prize and Maleeva, 20, collected \$14,000. Maleeva had

scored two victories this

season over Rubin to gain a

Maleeva, whose sister,

Manuela, beat Sylvia Hani-

ka for the tournament title

in 1987, made numerous

unforced errors. Her shot

selection was careless, in-

cluding a match ending

drop shot that failed to

think, sometimes I don't watch the ball, said Maleeva. It's as simple as

The first set went on

serve until Rubin cracked a

forehand cross-court win-

ner to break for a 6-5 lead.

But Maleeva broke right

back to 6-6 on a forehand

service return off a second

Maleeva took the tie-

breaker on her fourth set

point when Rubin netted a

to 249.06 for teammate Silke

Krueger and 248.10 for Yu

South Korea also gained a

place in the soccer semifinals.

Russia. In Monday's quarter-

finals, the Koreans beat the

defending champion Czech

Republic 7-6 on penalty shots

after a scoreless draw,

Ukraine edged South Africa

3-2 in a penalty shootout after a 2-2 draw, Japan blank-

ed Australia 4-0, and Russia

In tennis, South Korea and

Japan were assured of singles

gold medals. Koreans Lee

Yung-Taik and Yoon Yong-

Il, the top two seeds, both

advanced to the men's final.

In the women's gold medal game, No. 2 seed Rika Hiraki

will face Japanese compatriot

Kaoru Shibata, a semifinal

winner over No. 1 seed Wang

Shi-Ting of Taiwan.
The United States won the

1993 medals race with 75 in

all, including 30 gold, fol-lowed by Canada with 40 and

Japan with 30. China stood

second in golds, however,

with 17.

**University Games-brief** 

★ Winners at the World University Games have made

admiring comments about the artistry in the design of the

The gold, silver or bronze portions cover about half the front of the black lacquer medal, which is in the shape of an

ancient Japanese ornament. The shape roughly resembles a

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where the games are being held, and the medal is strung

"U" used as the University Games symbol.

The metal portion resembles the right half of the flaming

beat Iran 3-1.

oining Ukraine, Japan and

Xiaoling of China.

"Sometimes, I just don't

clear the net.

4-1 lead in their rivalry.

na of Czech Republic.

"I played very well in the

corporate centre.

prone Maleeva.

It was Seles's first appearance at the Open since she was stabbed on court in Hamburg on April 30, 1993. Seles won back-to-back U.S. Open titles in 1991 and '92 and was ranked number one in the world prior to the stabbing.

She has been given a co-number one ranking on the WTA Tour computer for her first six tournaments or 12

months back on the tour whichever comes first --- and is seeded second at the U.S. Open behind top-seeded Steffi Graf of Germany.

"It felt great to go out on the stadium (court)," said Seles, who partnered enter-tainter, Bill Cosby for a "hitand-giggle" with opponents Tracy Austin and basketball star, Chris Mullin to support fund-raising for the Arthur Ashe Endowment for the defeat of AIDS.

"I always get very nervous playing pro-celebrities because I don't know how hard I should hit the ball. So I was more worried about that."

eback for Seles will be when she plays her firstround match against Romania's unseeded Ruxandra Dragomir on the stadium court.

"The electricity that comes off the crowd — there's no place like it," Seles said. But I still have to play a match so I'll have to calm down and get used to it.
"Everything is still very
new," Seles said of her return

to tournament competition. "I'm trying to remember how to get ready for a match. Physically I'm not in the shape I want to be. But I have to accept that and make the best of it."

Seles had little difficult summoning back her form in Toronto a week ago where she won the Canadian Open title while giving up just 14 games all week. Many were surprised at her performance, but Martina Navratilova said it was to be expected. Navratilova faced Seles in Seles's first competitive match in Atlantic City at the end of July, losing in straight sets.

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"I was impressed," Navra-tilova said of Seles's perform-ance in Toronto. "But I was definitely not surprised. You just have to be across the net from her to know she's

### **European Swimming Championships**

### Pankratov spearheads European charge towards Atlanta

and five gold medals for Franziska Van Almsick highlighted the European Swimming Championships and pointed the way to battles ahead at the 1996 Atlanta Olympics.

Pankratov charted new realms in butterfly swimming by eclipsing the oldest world record in the men's book and demonstrating a spectacular 'submarine' dimension to the stroke.

The 21-year-old Russian swam the first 25 metres under water on his way to slicing 0.52 seconds from the 100 metres butterfly world mark of American Pablo Morales which had resisted all challenges since June 1986. He recorded 52.32

He stayed under even longer, surfacing after 35 metres, when he clocked an astonishing 51.73 seconds split to guide Russia to a European record in the 4x100 medley relay which closed the 11-day championships on Sunday.

Pankratov might have bettered his own 200 builterfly world record but the weather was unusually cold during that session at the open-air stadionbad and he fell just short.

Van Almsick botched the heats of her 200 metres frees-tyle speciality and suffered a rare reverse when she was pipped by Sweden's Linda Olofsson in the 50 freestyle.

Burdened by expectations of a record seven golds and a surfeit of publicity, the 17year-old Berliner still collected five golds and a silver to add to the six golds and one silver she scooped at the 1993 European Championships in Sheffield, Eng-

Her 11 European golds, albeit including six in relays, are bettered only by the 13 of fellow German Michael

Failure to retain the 50 freestyle title prompted Van Almsick to say she might give the event up and concentrate more on the 400 in which triumphed in her first at the distance in a major international championships.

Posting the best times in the world this year at 100, 200 and 400 freestyle in the stadionbad, she looks well armed for further showdowns with the Chinese and Americans in Atlanta. The 200 time was not far

short of the world record she set when she won the world title in Rome last September. It came bizarrely in the consolation B final after she had failed to make the top eight in the heats. "The 200 metres is my

main event and it will remain that way. I'll train harder than ever before," Van Almsick said. Apparently serenely obli-

vious to pressure, Hungary's Krisztina Egerszegi sounded an impressive challenge to her rivals outside Europe as she concentrated her powers on the 200 backstroke and

VIENNA (R) — A world 400 individual medley and record for Denis Pankratov abdicated her 100 backstroke and 200 butterfly crowns. She will contest the same two events in Atlanta.

Olympic champion at just 14 at the 1988 Seoul Games, Egerszegi won three Olympic golds in 1992 but lost her world 100 and 200 backstroke titles to the Chinese last year.

On Sunday, she threatened her own world 200 backstroke record and won in a time only she herself has ever matched, importantly faster

than the effort with which China's He Cihong took the Hungarian's world crown. Alexander Popov looks as capable as anyone of making Atlanta 1996 as golden as

Popov repeated his four-gold haul of the 1993 European Championships and completed the 50 and 100 freestyle double he similarly achieved at the 1992 Olympics and 1994 World Cham-

Barcelona 1992.

Champions of the 22nd European Swimming Championships, Aug. 17-27, 1995 (all distance in metres):

#### Swimming

50 freestyle - Alexander Popov, Russia, 22.25 seconds. 100 freestyle - Alexander Popov, Russia, 49.10. 200 freestyle - Jani Sievinen, Finland, 1:48.98. 400 freestyle - Steffen Zesner, Germany, 3:50.35. 1,500 freestyle — Joerg Hoffmann, Germany, 15:11.25. 100 breaststroke — Frederik Deburghgraeve, Belgium

1:01.12. 200 breaststroke - Andrei Korneev. Russia, 2:12.62. 100 backstroke -- Vladimir Selkov, Russia, 55.48. 200 backstroke - Vladimir Selkov, Russia, 1:58.48. 100 butterfly - Denis Pankratov, Russia, 52.32 (world record, old record 52.84 by Pablo Morales, U.S. 1986).

200 butterfly - Denis Pankratov, Russia, 1:56.34. 200 individual medley — Jani Sievinen, Finland, 1:58.61. 400 individual medley — Jani Sievinen, Finland, 4:14.75. 400 freestyle relay - Russia (Vladimir Fredkin, Roman Schegolev, Roman Yegorov and Alexander Popov) 3:18.84. 400 medley relay — Russia (Vladimir Selkov, Andrei Korneev, Denis Pankratov and Alexander Popov) 3:38.11. 800 freestyle relay — Germany (Christian Keller, Oliver

npe. Forsten S 5-kilometre — Alexei Akatiev, Russia, 55:30:00 25-kilometre — Christof Wandratsch 5 hours, 11 minutes,

#### Diving

1-metre — Edwin Jongejans, Netherlands, 420.75 points. 3-metre — Dmitri Sautin, Russia, 670.38 points. 10-metre — Vladimir Timoshinin, Russia, 673.83 points. Water polo

Italy

Women 50 freestyle - Linda Olafsson, Sweden, 25.76. 100 freestyle - Franzi Van Almsick, Germany, 55.34. 200 freestyle - Kerstin Kielgass, Germany, 2:00.56. 400 freestyle - Franzi Van Almsick, Germany, 4:04.37. 800 freestyle — Julia Jung, Germany, 8:36.08.
100 backstroke — Mette Jacobsen, Denmark, 1:02.46.
200 backstroke — Krisztina Egerszegi, Hungary, 2:07.24.
100 butterfly — Mette Jacobsen, Denmark, 1:00.64.

200 butterfly — Michelle Smith, Ireland, 2:11.50.
100 breaststroke Brigitte Becue, Belgium, 1:09.30.
200 breaststroke — Brigitte Becue, Belgium, 2:27.66. 200 breaststroke — Brigitte Becne, Bergum, 2.27.00. 200 individual medley — Michelle Smith, Ireland, 2:15.27. 400 individual medley — Krisztina Egerszegi, Hungary,

400 freestyle relay --- Germany (Franzi Van Almsick, Simo Osygus, Kerstin Kielgass and Daniela Hunger) 3:43,22. 400 medley relay — Germany (Catheen Rund, Jana Doerries, Julia Voitowitsch and Franzi Van Almsick) 4:09.97. 800-metre relay — Germany (Dagmar Hase, Julia Jung, Kirsten Kielgass and Franzi Van Almsick), 8:06.11.

5-kilometre — Rita Kovacs, Hungary, 1:00:39.3. 25-kilometre — Peggy Buechse, Germany, 5:32:36.4.

#### Synchronized swimming

Solo — Olga Sedakova, Russia, 98.160 points. Duet — Russia (Yeina Azarova and Maria Kiseliova) 98.880 Team — Russia (Olga Sedakova, Maria Kiseliova, Gana

Maximova, Ioila Pankratova, Yelena Azarova, Olga Novokchonova, Olga Brousinikina and Yelena Antonova), 98.406 points.

1-metre — Vera Ilyina, Russia, 275.25. 3-metre — Vera Ilyina, Russia, 523.23 points. 10-metre — Ute Wetzig, Germany, 444.24.

Water polo Italy.

### Maple rides Awad to record **Arlington** Million win

ARLINGTON HEIGHTS. Illinois (AP) — Eddie Maple supplied the patience and Awad delivered the kick. driving hard from off the pace to win the Arlington Million in record time, Awad, the fourth choice at

nearly 6-1 Sunday, pulled away for a 21/4-length victory over favoured Sandpit. He completed the 11/4-mile turf race in 1:58 3-5, shaving onefifth of a second off the course mark set in 1982 by Perrault. Having won the secretariat

stakes for 3-year-olds in 1993. Awad became the first horse to win both Grade I events at Arlington International Racecourse. Awad earned the own-

ership group from Mary-land's Ryehill Farm \$600,000, boosting his 1995 earnings to more than \$1 million and his lifetime mark to about \$1.8 million. He paid \$13.80, \$4.80 and \$4.20.

Maple has been riding Awad all year. What makes him such an effective jockey for the horse?

"Three words: patience, and patience, patience, trainer David Donk said. "A lot of people could ride this horse and get a little bit too itchy and move too soon. There's no instructions to Eddie. The only thing I say to him is if we get there, we get there and if we don't, we don't.

Awad got there after spending most of Sunday near the back of the 11-horse field. A mile into the race, he was still in eight place. Staying on the outside around the turn, he blew past the field at the top of the

"I didn't ask him to run until the eighth pole," Maple said. "When I reached and smacked him the first time, he hit another gear. He just kind of went 'voooop,' and I said, 'here we go'.

Said Chris Everett, one of Awad's owners: "Like driving a Mercedes Benz." Is Awad the Mercedes of turf horses? Despite Sand-

pit's loss, jockey Corey Nakatani feels his mount is the class of the field. "I couldn't get him out-side, and I couldn't let him

run," Nakatani said. "I just hope I didn't cost him the eclipse award for turf horses. Trapped behind early leaders Manilaman and Kiri's

Clown and then squeezed by the vid, Sandpit finally broke through at the eighth pole. "But by then it was too late," Nakatani said. "It's my fault he didn't win this race

because I didn't find him room to run. But I know who the better horse is." Those closest to Awad, however, feel differently.

"I would consider Sandpit going into today the best grass horse in the country and maybe still is," Donk said. "But Awad won the Pan American. He won the Manhattan, a pretty important race. And then the race today. So he's a pretty good horse now, I guess."

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### JBF suspends 3 players

Competitions to be rescheduled next week

By Aleen Bannayan Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - The Jordan Basketball Federation (JBF) Monday tried to bring back some order to the prevailing precarious basketball scene Ahli's Ensour. Things went by deciding to suspend three out of control from that moby deciding to suspend three players who had instigated last week's violence during the Ahli-Orthodoxi under-22

Al Orthodoxi's Ihab Msih and Al Ahli's Faisal Ensour were suspended for two months each for starting the brawl that led to the halting of the match. Al Ahli were also considered the winners of the match after Al Orthodoxi withdrew with Al Ahli leading 66-57 in the tenth minute of the second half. Al Orthodoxi's Mustafa Al Ghoul who attacked a referee during the same match was suspended until the end of

JBF Chairman Awwad Haddad said officials had reviewed the tape recording of the match in which it was evident that tension was high throughout the game which Al Orthodoxi had to win by over 24 points to keep their the Kingdom. Otherwise

title hopes alive while Al Ahli needed to win by any score to secure the title.

Al Orthodoxi's Ghoul attacked the referee during the match moments later his teammate Maih kicked Al ment on and players from both teams got entangled in a fight which JBF officials, referees and Ahli chub officials tried to stop. Fans from both sides left the stands and descended on Al Ahli's court which became a battlefield helped by the total absence of

While ongoing competi-tions like the women's and U-22 were put on hold last week because of Al Orthodoxi's decision to suspend all basketball activities and pull out of all JBF events, the federation gave Al Orthodoxi another chance to reconsider their drastic decision by calling on all parties to attend a meeting to reschedule postponed matches.

"We have asked officials of participating teams to attend next Monday's meeting. Hopefully all will cooperate for the benefit of the game in

appropriate measures will be taken," Haddad Monday told the Jordan Times.

If Al Orthodoxi fail to attend the meeting, their de-cision will have a very negative impact as 1995 JBF regulations stipulate that players of any team withdrawing from competitions will automatically be free to join any

Not only basketball, but swimming events were also marred by unsportsmanlike incidents during the past week. Events of the Jordan Swimming Championship were put on hold after referoes announced they were pulling out until the Jordan Swimming Federation (JSF) takes the decision to bar Al Orthodoxi's swimmer Osama Al Halman who had attacked

a referee earlier in the week, So far, the JSF has not taken any decision regarding the swimmer whose club insisted that he continue his participation in the weeklong event. Al Orthodoxi were in the overall lead in the five-club event which has witnessed the toughest competition in years with 12 national records broken.



Czech Jan Zelezny throug the javelin to a season's best (AFP photo)

### Edwards leaps to another record; Zelezny hurls a season's best

LONDON (AP) -- Jonathan Edwards produced another 18.00 metre triple jump and Jan Zelezny hurled the javelin a season's best 92.12 Sunday as the field event world record holders eclipsed the running stars at an IAAF invitational meet at Crystal

World 110m hurdles champion Allen Johnson gained a victory over world record hold Colin Jackson but Canada's 100 metre titlist Donovan Bailey again was beaten, placing third behind Jon Drummond and Linford Christie, who tied for first place in 10.11 seconds.

The only athlete to legally leap 18.00 metres, Edwards did it again before his British fans to easily beat the atheletes he left trailing when be won the world title in Gote-

He left his best leap until last and his effort was measured at exactly 18.00 metres, well ahead of second place Yoelvis Quesada of Cuba, who had 17.26 and World Championships bronze medalist Jerome Romain, who leaped 17.23.

"This was probably may best performance of the year, in a sense, because I really am very, very tired," said Edwards, who twice broke the world record with backto-bank jumps in Goteborg and took the mark to 18.29. "I've got Berlin (Sept. 1) and Rieti (Sept. 5) to come and then I'll probably take a holi-

day."
Zelezny, another world record holder, also was in a

class of his own in the Javelin, leading from the second round with a throw of 90.62. The Czech republic thrower also came up with 91.88 and 92.12, easily the longest of the season although well short of his world mark of 95.66 set at Sheffield, England, two years ago.

Tony Jarrett, silver medal-ist behind Johnson at the worlds, got the best start in the 110 hurdles but the world titlist pulled level and was ahead at the next to last hurdle. By the line, the American was a half metre ahead in 13.05, Jarrett had 13.14 Jackson was third in

13.20. In the 100 metres, Drummond had the best start of the three big rivals. -

### Ginola's first goal inspires Newcastle to top

SHEFFIELD (R) — French international David Ginola scored his first goal in English soccer on Sunday as Newcastle United beat Sheffield Wednesday 2-0 away to go to the top of the Premier

League.
Ginola's shot from the left of the box and in at the far post out of reach of diving goalkeeper Kevin Pressman put his new club one up in the

England veteran Peter Beardsley, voted man of the match, scored his second goal

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of the season to make it 2-0 after 75 minutes with a shot from a very tight angle on the left that went over Pressman and in off the far post.

Newcastle overtook Leeds United at the top of the table. Both sides are the only ones in the league on maximum points, nine, after three matches with Newcastle ahead on goal difference.

Newcastle's deadly finishing was the difference between the two sides. Belgium captain Marc De-gryse made his debut for the bome team after his 1.5 million pound (\$2.32 million) move from Anderlecht but faded after a bright start. He replaced former England star Chris Waddle who was sidelined because of a foot injury.

Wednesday came closest to scoring in the opening 45 minutes when Mark Pembridge made a late run into the Newcastle box to meet a marvellous cross from Degryse with his head, but keeper Shaka Hislop leapt to tip the ball over the bar.

### **GOREN BRIDGE**

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defeat Could East have known? Not at trick three, but certainly at trick four! East was in too much of a hurry to win the king of hearts.

Obviously, there was no way declarar could come to nine tricks. declarer could come to nine tricks without the heart suit, so East should have held up the king of hearts. On the next heart trick, West will be able to signal which suit to leed. If West ducards a low spade, East shifts to diamonds; if the sluff as a low dismond, East returns a mode.

returns a spade.

As the cards he, West discards the two spades on the third heart. A low dismond to the ace falls the king, and the defenders cash four clubs and two more dismonds for a handsome result.

### Schumacher's driving again under spotlight

Belgium (R) - Michael Schumacher's driving will be under intense scrutiny for the remainder of the Formula One season following the one-race suspended ban he was handed on Sunday. World champion Schu-

macher's ban was confirmed by race stewards several hours after his accomplished victory for Benetton in the Belgian Grand Prix. The ban will not come into

effect unless he commits further driving offences at any of the next four races. Schumacher had been harshly criticised by the Williams team and their leading driver Damon Hill for his

irregular, defensive driving. The Williams team lodged a protest which was upheld by the race stewards. Benetton immediately lodged an appeal, setting up another Paris hearing of the International Motoring Federation, the sport's governing body, to decide the fate of their brilliant driver.

Williams and Hill, whose rivalry with Schumacher has led to some acrimonious exchanges in the past year, claimed that the German had contravened the drivers' code

They alleged that he had weaved on the straights and deliberately hindered attempts by Hill to overtake him when it was clear that Hill was driving faster in his car on rain tyres in the wet than SSchumacher was on slicks.

The stewards agreed and in the report of their decision stated that Schumacher had been guilty of 'manocuvres. liable to hinder other drivers



Reinging Formula One world champion Michael Schumacher from Cermany in his Benetton-Renault (left) who started from

such as premature direction changes... or ... any other abnormal changes of direc-

Both Hill and Schumacher had been called before the stewards after the race and they also studied videos of the incidents which occurred midway through the 41-lap

Before seeing the stewards hill had hinted that he would consider his future in Formula One if it was decided that wild wheel-banging driving was permissible.

Schumacher said he believed there was nothing is leaving Benetto wrong with his method of Ferrari next year.

defending his lead, even if it went to the extreme of banging wheels, providing it was done at low speeds. He said he was used to it

from his long experience in

karting and suggested Hill should try it. Hill snapped back that they were competing at F1 level

Schumacher now faces a challenge to clear his name before the Italian Grand Prix at Monza on September 10 when he is certain to receive a warm reception because he is leaving Benetton to join

16th position of the grid, overstakes other drivers during the Belgian Grand Prix (AFP photo)

It is likely his team mate at Ferrari will be Gerhard Berger who was 36 on Sunday.

Despite several weeks of complaints and talks with both McLaren and Benetton, it seems Berger cannot find another offer to match that

from the Italian team. Paddock gossip in Spa-Francorchamps also suggested that David Coulthard now with Williams, is favourite for a seat with

It could be, if hints from McLaren's boss Ron Dennis

McLaren alongside Mika

sidering signing coulthard to be part of a three-car team next year, with Alain Prost possibly making a return.

The four-times world champion said on French television during Sunday's race that a comeback remained possible.

It is understood that the leading teams are prepared to support a plan, believed to be put forward by F1 supremo Bernie Ecclestone, allowing them all to run three cars next year.

This would boost the grid size which this year has shrunk to only 24 cars from are accurate, that he is con-12 teams.

### Stoichkov and Weah score in Italian debuts

ROME (R) — Bulgaria's Hristo Stoichkov and Liberian George Weah both scored on their Serie A debuts for Parma and AC Milan respectively as Italy's first division championship kicked off on Sunday.

Stoichkov, signed from Barcelona in the close season, struck with a superb 76th minute free kick in his side's disappointing 1-1 draw at Atlanta, for whom Christian Vien scored a last minute equaliser.

Ex-Paris St. Germain striker Weah took just six minutes to set Milan on their way to a 2-1 win at Padova although last season's beaten European Cup finalists needed a rare goal from veteran sweeper Franco Baresi to claim all three points.

The 35-year-old regained the initiative for Milan in the 44th minute after Nicola Amoruso had levelled the score against the run of play. It was Baresi's 12th goal in 415 league appearances.

Midfielder Christian Karembeu, who moved from

French champions Nantes to Sampdoria, was also on target in his first appearance for his new club, athletically heading a 22nd minute opener in the night match, with Roma. But the visitors, outsiders

in this year's title race, equalised within two minutes through former Sampdoria Man Marco Branca before playing out a 1-1 draw. Ás Parma and Milan struggled to impress, champions Juventus made an ominously

impressive start with a 4-1 thrashing of Cremonese. Fabrizio Ravanelli, whose goals helped give the Turin side their first title in nine years last season, settled a one-sided affair with two goals in the space of five

minutes midway through the

second half Earlier Vladimir Jugovic, signed from Sampdoria in the summer, fired Juventus in front with a 17th minute solo effort only for Richardo Maspero to equalise with a 47th minute free kick - Cremonese's only shot on target

Tampa Bay Buccaneers Errict Rhett (front) is #99 during the first quarter of their game at

tackled by Miami Dolphins Chuck Klingbeil the Citrus Bowl in Orlando (AFP photo)

Frenchman Didier Deschamps scored Juve's fourth to complete the rout.

At Rome's Olympic stadium, last year's championship runners-up Lazio also opened the season with a 4-1 victory over promoted

England midfielder Paul Ince's debut for Internazionale against Vicenza was overshadowed by Brazilian Roberto Carlos's spectacular metre free kick.

Bari striker Igor Protti helped himself to 1,000 bottles of quality wine as reward for scoring the season's maiden goal, a third minute effort in his side's 1-1 drawn with Napoli.

Milan grabbed the close season headlines when they signed Weah and Juventus playmaker Roberto Baggio to solve the goal-scoring problems that plagued their soccer last season.

Against Padova, the pair soon set about paying back

Milan's faith in their talents, combining in the sixth minute to put their side in front.

Baggio swung a free kick deep into the heart of the penalty area where Weah outjumped American defender Alexi Lalas before surprising goalkeeper Adriano Bonaiutí with a powerful The visitors kept a firm

rip on the match until the 34th minute when Amoruso surprised Sebastiano Rossi with a first-time shot that curled away from his despairing dive into the far corner. Despite an inspired Weah,

it took Baresi's surprise effort to settle the encounter. Serie A's longest serving player took his chance with all the prowess of a natural finisher, playing a one-two with Weah and chesting the

ball down before side-footing nians.

past Bonaiuti. The fiery Stoichkov was brought to Parma to instill his new side with the killer in-

stinct so often missing last season. But, apart from the Bulgarian's superb second half goal, when he curled a trademark free kick over the Atlanta defensive wall into the net, the UEFA Cup hol-

ders still displayed all their old failings, including a failure to close out matches. Veteran coach Giovanni Trappatoni, now coaching Cagliari after a disastrous season with Bayern Munich, had his return to Serie A spoilt by another unhappy encounter with German soccer, this time in the form of striker Oliver Bierhoff who struck Udinese's second-half

winner against the Sardi-

#### Abu Shakra introduce QUASAR

Director General of Abu Shakra Trading Establishment Rami Abu Shakra held a press conference to announce launching the new Quasar perfume from J. Del Pozo in the Jordanan market.

The press conference was attended by deputy chairman of the board of directors Raed Abu Shakra. several journalists and prominent personalities. Mr. Abu Shakra said the new perfume signals

imagination and charm. He said since very old times our galaxy was called a mysterious name, that is Quasar, which signifies the continued interest of human beings Mr. Abu Shakra said the fragrance is strong and

refreshing, with the influence of refreshing air on the body. The frangrance, he added, is extracted from lavander and sage. He continued that the bottle takes the form of a wheel,

describing it as a magical mixture of metal and glass. Mr. Abu Shakra said the new fragrance is available at Abu Shakra stores and all classy perfume shops and drug stores around the Kingdom.

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## **Bomb defused in Istanbul** after explosions kill two Jordanians among dead and injured

ISTANBUL (Agencies) — Turkish police defused a bomb found near the parking lot of an Istanbul shopping centre on Monday after a series of bomb explosions killed two people and injured about 40, Anatolian news agency said. A Jordanian woman, Abir Sufian, 25, was among the killed. The time-bomb near the

Atakoy Gallaria Centre, the sixth bomb planted in Istanbul in the past 18 hours, was set to go off at noon (0900 GMT), the agency reported. Police said two people

were killed and more than 30 were injured on Sunday evening when two bombs exploded shortly after nine p.m. (1800 GMT) in rubbish bins on a busy pedestrian walkway in central Istanbul. Another bomb planted in

the cooling cabinet of a restaurant in the tourist district of Aksaray injured eight people, including six Ukrainians, police said.

A fourth explosion damaged an office of the Democratic Left Party in the city's Beykoz area and a further blast early on Monday ripped apart a wire fence surrounding a military school.

Anatolian said the last two bombs were not of the same make as the three on touristic

The private Kanal D television station said the Islamic Great Eastern Raiders-Front (IBDA-C) group had claimed responsibility for one of the

IBDA-C has carried out dozens of bomb attacks on bars, night clubs and churches in Istanbul in recent

The bombs planted in garbage bins killed the Jorda-

Talibans

strategic

position

KABUL (AFP) - Taliban

movement fighters in a

counter-attack pushed back

infantry loyal to Afghan Pres-

ident Burhanuddin Rabbani

and seized control of a

strategic southern town, offi-

cial sources here said Mon-

day.
"The Talibans recaptured

Girishk Sunday afternoon,

Afghan Defence Minis-

try spokesman, Dr. Abdullah

Dr. Abdullah, who uses

only one name, said pro-

Rabbani troops had re-

grouped at the village of San-

gilan on the southern nation-

al highway 10 kilometres west

of Giriskh in Helmand pro-

"We will hold the Talibans

After several months of

stalemate, pro-Rabbani forces broke the Talibans de-

fence at the Nimroz province

district centre of Dilaram last

Wednesday and pushed the

religious students' militia 120

kilometres back to Girishk.

According to travellers arriving in Kabul from Kan-

dahar, the Talibans captured

at least 200 pro-Rabbani

troops in the Girishk fighting.

The fighting in Helmand has not yet affected civilian

traffic to and from Kandahar.

Analysts said a successful

defence of Girishk is vital to

the Talibans, because the

town guards access to the

religious movement's head-

quarters at Kandahar some 120 kilometres further east.

Pro- Rabbani bombers have

attacked Girishk in support

of the infantry offensive

while the western provincial

capital Herat came under air

attack last Saturday, sources

alleged that Herat was

bombed by jets belonging to

ex-communist General

Abdul Rashid Dostom whose

Uzbek militia staged an abor-

tive coup against Mr. Rabba-

Fighting also continued

around the strategic district

centre of Sarobi. 70

Dr. Abdullah claimed that

pro-Rabbani troops had cap-

tured the Zardad military

base late Monday from their

Hezb-e-Islami faction rivals,

led by former Premier Gul-

The base is named after a

well-known Hezb comman-

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Defence Ministry officials

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Dr. Abdullah said.

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nian woman and a Turkish man, Ferhat Kaya, as they were walking in the crowded street in the Beyoglu district, a popular draw for toursits.

Thirty-two strollers, including an American, an Austrian, two Jordanians and an Italian, were injured, Istan-bul police spokesman Tayfun Bora said.

Authorities released only some of the identities. Anna Rita Azzariello, 30,

of Palermo, Sicily, told the Associated Press from her hospital bed that she was walking in the district, where she lives, when she was rocked by a blast. She was operated on for an arm injury. An anonymous caller to

newspapers claimed responsibility in the name of Islamic Kurdistan Union Party. which is linked to the Kurdish guerrillas who have been waging war against the state since 1984 for autonomy in southeastern Turkey.

At about the same time Sunday night, around 9:10 p.m., a bomb exploded in a restaurant in Aksaray district, injuring six Ukrainians and two Turks, Mr. Bora said. First reports had said the blast was caused by a gas

News reports said police was looking for three people, including a woman, for involvement in the Beyoglu

Unlike the summer of 1994 when seven bombs between March and August killed four foreign tourists, there had been no attacks this year.

Hotels along the Aegean and Mediterranean coasts were fully booked as tourists flocked to the relatively inexpensive resorts in package

The area also enjoys boating services that draw yachts and cruisers on trips touring

nearby Greek islands. The local media boasted the surge in tourism, reporting that hotels were overbooked and congratulating Turkey on keeping terror at

In July, Tourism Minsiter Irfan Gurpinar told travel agents and hotel officials "Turkey didn't surrender to

Defining the country as one of the "most secure in the world" he promised this year's season would be safe. The bombs of the summer of 1994 also had no claim of responsibility, but police suspected the separatist Kurdish Labour Party (PKK) which had been threatened to attack tourist sites.

The PKK's declared purpose is to undermine the Turkish economy in its 11-year fight for an independent Kurdistan in southeastern Tur-

key. Five of last year's attacks were in Istanbul, mostly by time-bombs left in trash-cans outside tourist-frequented restaurants and cafes and in the crowded, ancient covered

Between March and April alone, two people were killed and 20 tourists wounded. In August, a Romanian national died and two foreign tourists were wounded by a time-

bomb explosion. The attacks also moved south in the summer, with timebombs killing a British woman and injuring at least 12 tourists in two separate attacks in the Aegean resort towns of Marmaris and

### **NEWS IN BRIEF**

#### 18 killed, 136 injured in Somalia battles

MOGADISHU (R) — The worst fighting in months in the Somali capital Mogadishu between rival militias killed 18 people and wounded more than 130, hospital officials and witnesses said on Monday. After three days the fighting, between militiamen loyal to leaders Mohammad Farah Aideed and Ali Mahdi Mohammad, eased slightly on Monday. Officials at the Benadir and Digfer hospitals in General Aideed's stronghold of south Mogadishu said eight people had died and 76 were admitted with wounds from the street battles. Officials at hospitals in north Mogadishu, controlled by Mr. Ali Mahdi's forces, said 10 people were killed and some 60 were treated for wounds. The casualties were both civilians and fighters. Families fled the districts of Bermuda and Hamarweyne on Monday amid fears among civilians that a military showdown between the arch-enemies had started. Mr. Ali Mahdi and Gen. Aideed blamed each other's forces for starting the shooting. Mr. Ali Mahdi's militiamen were told to prepare for war while their opponents said they were determined to defend themselves. Tension has mounted since Gen. Aideed supporters elected him president of Somalia in June. His rivals denounced the move and urged the international community not to recognise his government.

### 'Saddam's son under house arrest'

KUWAIT CITY (AFP) - President Saddam Hussein has put his eldest son. Uday, under house arrest in a bid to blame him for Iraq's deterioration, newspapers reported here Monday. President Saddam is also hoping the step will restore some of his credibility as a leader intent on uprooting corruption, the Arab Times and its sister newspaper Al Siyasah reported, quoting Iraqi exiles in Jordan. The report could not immediately be confirmed. Iraqi opposition sources have said that Uday's growing power and authority in Baghdad provoked the defection to Jordan of former Industry Minister Hussein Kamel Hassan. The Iraqi exiles also told the newspapers that the Iraqi leader was consulting with Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz about possibly announcing semi-democratic reforms. This is to "show he is taking a second significant step after handing over the secrets of the mass destruction weapon programmes to the United Nations," an Iraqi exile quoted by the paper said.

#### Moscow denies new Iran nuclear deal

MOSCOW (AFP) - Russia's minister of atomic energy, Viktor Mikhailov, denied Monday that Russia was to furnish Iran with nuclear reactors to equip a research centre suspected of nuclear weapons development. The Sunday Telegraph in London published a story saying that Moscow had agreed to supply two 400-megawatt reactors after an Iranian delegation visited Moscow. The reactors were reportedly destined for the Neka complex in Iran's remote northern region, which is understood by western intelligence to be part of Iran's research programme to develop its own atomic weapons. "There is no secret accord between Iran and our ministry or Russia in general," the minister said in a radio interview. He said all contacts between Iranian and Russian officials have to do with a contract to furnish Iran with a 1,000-megawatt nuclear reactor which is to start being installed at Bushehr in the south of the country at the end of the year. They have nothing to do with military uses, he said.

#### Rwanda's Hutu prime minister resigns

KIGALI (AFP) — Rwandan Prime Minister Faustin Twagiramungu, a Hutu, resigned on Monday slamming the Tutsi-led government in power since last year's civil war. Mr. Twagiramungu's resignation must be accepted by President Pasteur Bizimungu, but Information Minister Jean-Baptiste Nkuliyingoma told AFP the president "will definitely accept" it. The prime minister's resignation letter criticised the policies of the Tutsi-dominated government in place since the end of last year's civil war, Mr. Nkuliyingoma said. Mr. Twagiramungu's resignation follows that of his permanent secretary, Jean Damascene Ntakirotimana, also a Hutu, who quit in June and fled to Nairobi, leaving behind a resignation letter accusing the government, made up of Tutsis and moderate Hutus, of sliding into totalitar-



VICTIMS OF SHELLING: Civilians help out in the emergency situation by carrying one of wounded victims of an artillery attack on a central market place on Wednesday in Sarajevo. The attacks killed at least 37 people and wounded 88 (see story on page one) (AFP photo)

### Algerian is still a suspect in Paris blast

STOCKHOLM (Agencies)

— Sweden's public prosecutor on Monday denied reports that an Algerian suspect was accused of the Paris killing of a Muslim leader but said the case against him for a July 25 train bombing was still open.

"No, he has not been served with suspicion of the murder on July 11th... he is still a suspect in the Paris bombing," prosecutor Jan Danielsson told Reuters.

Swedish police arrested the man, named as Abdul Karim Deneche by French authorities seeking his extradition. in a Stockholm suburb a week ago as a suspect in the Paris bombing but later cited evidence that he was in Sweden on the day of the

"After questioning, the suspicions against him were weakened so much that he could no longer be held in custody but the investigation is not closed." Mr. Danielsson said.

Deneche is now held by security police under a special anti-terrorist law. "No, he has not been told

he is suspected of the murder and French police have not asked for him to be interrogated on the issue," Mr. Danielsson said.

Swedish radio quoted Deneche's lawyer Bengt Nilsson as saying his client was officially suspected of the murder of Abdul Baki Sahraoui.

But Mr. Danielsson said there had been "a misunderstanding" and that he had not discussed the Sahraoui killing with Mr. Nilsson. The lawyer was unavailable for comment on Monday morning.

Interviewed Monday by AFP, the editors of the radio station said they had misinterpreted the lawyer's com-

Sahraoui, a founding member of Algeria's Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) who had criticised some of the bloodiest attacks in that country, was shot and killed in his Paris mosque by two unidentified men.

French press reports say investigators believe his killing was carried out by the same people for the July 25 bombing in a Paris underground train which killed seven people and injured 86 and a second bombing near the Arc de Triomphe which wounded 17.

Deneche was arrested on Aug. 21 by Swedish police at the request of the French magistrate investigating the July 25 bombing.

Mr. Danielsson said that Swedish police were not investigating the murder of Sahraoui and had only been asked for help by French police on the bombing investigation.

Swedish Justice Minister Laila Freivalds announced Friday that authorities hope to deport Deneche "on suspicion of carrying out undesirable activities" in Sweden. Meanwhile an Algerian said to have planned the Dec. 24 hijacking of a French air-

liner in Algiers has been

identified as a suspect in last

month's train bombing, a French newspaper said. The report in the daily Le Monde was published after a near-disaster at the weekend when an unexploded bomb was found alongside a heavily travelled high-speed TGV railway line near Lyon, raising fears of a guerrilla escala-

### 'Rome group' issues call for boycott of Algerian elections

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Algerian opposition parties which want the militarybacked government to negotiate with the banned Islamic Salvation Front (FIS) Monday urged a boycott of presidential elections due on

A broad spectrum of Algerian opposition met in Rome in January of this year and developed a "national contract," a plan for ending the civil strife estimated to have left more than 30,000 dead since January 1992.

In a statement, the parties said they would not field a candidate in the first round of voting and urged Algerians not to take part in campaigning leading up to the vote. To stand, candidates must

collect 75,000 signatures in at least 25 of the country's 48 regions before Oct. 2. The parties who met in

Rome consider the elections serve only to reinforce the current military regime and prolong the country's con-They confirmed their refusal to back these elections.

factor in aggravating the crisis and plunging the country further into deadlock and blood-letting The parties further consider the invitation to international authorities to supervise

which, they said, could "be a

the poll is "an attempt to draw them into the Algerian "Acceptance of the invitation by these authorities

would be considered as complicity with the regime," they Algeria has called on the

United Nations, the Organisation of African Unity and the Arab League to supervise the presidential election.

BAGHDAD (R) - The Un-

ited Nations refugee agency said on Monday it feared for

the safety of Kurdish re-

fugees in northern Iraq fol-

lowing fighting between rival Iraqi Kurd and Turkish Kurd

guerrilla groups.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees

(UNHCR) orged the factions

to halt hostilities and steer

away from U.N. camps hous-

ing 14,500 Turkish Kurd re-

fugees in Atroush.
"The situation in the re-

fugee camps continued to be

tense and as UNHCR we

hope the fighting parties will

restrain themselves and en-

sure that refugees are not

hurt," the agency's repre-

sentative in Iraq, Abdullah

Sources close to the United

Nations in Baghdad said

clashes between Iraqi rebels

of the Kurdistan Democratic

Party (KDP) and Turkish

fighters of the Kurdish

Labour Party (PKK) erupted

over the past three days and

ties among civilians. At least

seven people, among them a

The sources said the terror-

stricken refugees, mostly

women, children and elderly,

fear reprisals by Turkish

armed forces, PKK guerrillas

and rebel Iraqi Kurds when

camps abandoned their vil-

The Turkish Kurds in the

woman, have been killed,'

one source said.

fighting flares up.

"There have been casual-

the situation was tense.

Saied. told Reuters.

"The return to the electoral process calls for a national consensus achieved through a global political solution, able to... bring about the political. media, security and administrative conditions for the organisation of free and democratic elections," opposition parties said. Violence erupted in 1992

after Algerian authorities annulled elections which the subsequently outlawed FIS was posied to win. The FIS signed the national contract, but no longer

takes part in meetings with other signatory parties. The "Rome group" eight parties includes the former ruling party, the National Liberation Front (FLN),

the FIS and the Socialist Forces Front (FFS), three of the largest political movements in Algeria. The boycott meant the authorities had failed to gather a wide consensus for the polls, which they insist will go

ahead in November to try and reestablish normal political life. The statement was issued after a meeting of the movement's representatives on Sunday in Algiers. Some of the member parties had polls, but the statement was

the first comment by the whole group. The authorities have set Nov. 16 as the first leg of the oresidential poll after saying a dialogue with the FIS had failed because of what it said the fundamentalist's move-

ment leaders "intransi-So far, 10 Algerian politicians have announced they plan to run for president, but the current head of state

U.N. fears for refugees

strife-torn southeast when

Ankara stepped up its milit-

ary campaign to destroy the

of PKK guerrillas emerged

from their hideouts in rugged

mountains in northern Iraq

and attacked targets in KDP-

held territory, including a

KDP fighters of Iraqi Kur-

dish rebel leader Massoud

Barzani drove them back,

Northern Iraq is under

Kurdish rebel control. An

allied "no-fly zone" set up at

the end of the 1991 Gulf war

protects Kurds from possible

attacks by Iraq's army follow-

ing a large-scale assault in 1991.

ara Safen Dizayee said the

PKK attacks showed the

PKK had declared war on

Iraqi Kurdistan. He said

there was a coordinated

attack which was repulsed

and the fighting appeared

Mr. Dizayee said there

seemed to be two reasons for

the PKK attack - firstly, the

KDP was cracking down on

PKK activities in the region,

and secondly the PKK

wanted to strengthen its posi-

tion among local people to

take advantage of divisions

between rival Iraqi Kurd fac-

He said the KDP was tak-

ing some measures — but not

military ones - against the initiative

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KDP spokesman in Ank-

The sources said hundreds

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in north Iraq fighting

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The most serious candidate so far is former Prime Minister Redha Malek, leader of an anti-fundamentalist move-Five policemen and two

Islamc militants were killed at the weekend in Algeria while two days earlier, three bombs meant to blow up a railway line were defused. press reports said Monday. Four policemen died Sunday in an attack by an armed

group on a police station at Ouenza near Tebessa in the far eastern part of the country, the daily Al Watan said. The report had not been officially confirmed Monday

Another policeman was killed in the Casbah, the old city of Algiers but two of his four attackers were chased and killed by the security forces, the daily L'Opinion reported.

In another incident, three bombs were defused on Eriday on the railway line from Algiers to Tizi Ouzou the regional capital of Kabylie region. The bombs had been planted "in the longest tunnel" along the line between the towns of Naciria and Tadbune daily.

The bombs were discovered shortly before a goods train and a passenger train were due of pass, the report-

La Tribune said traffic had been halted so security forces could make a thorough search of the rail network.

A few days ago, a gas container primed to explode was defused on the Algiersto-Oran railway line in the volatile Ohlet region west of Liamine Zeroual has not yet the capital.

some safe houses and transit

routes. "The PKK had given

us some warnings on this," he

patrol the border area to

prevent PKK incursions into

southeast Turkey where it is

fighting a separatist war. In

return the KDP wants Tur-

key to give money to rebuild

long been at odds. Most re-cently, in 1992, the KDP

sided with the Turkey army

in its raid on PKK bases in

main entrance into the

Atroush refugee camps but

the PKK also protects them.

Turkish Kurds said it was

most unlikely the PKK would

A U.S.-brokered ceasefire

last month has halted hostili-

ties between the KDP and

fighters of the rival Patriotic

Union of Kurdistan (PUK) of

The Iraqi government in Baghdad, in a move to mend

fences with its Kurdish foes,

resumed this month sup-

plying power to the break-

away Kurdish province of

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sent an envoy to open talks with the Iraqi Kurds early this year but the rebels, lock-

ed in rivalry, spurned the

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Turkey hopes the KDP will

# INVERNESS, Scotland (R)

of wayward sheep and killed 87 of them, police said. Police were still looking for the shepherd who let the flock of about 100 animals wander onto the rail line in the Pankow district of eastern Berlin. A suburban train with five passenger cars hit me flock about 9:20 p.m. Fri day, killing 75 of the spector outright and injuring 12 so badly that police had to shoot

#### Rushdie attends Salzburg Festival

VIENNA (R) — British anthor Salman Rushdie was a surprise quest at the Salzburg Festspiele Sunday, attending the festival's performance of the opera Lulu at the invitation of Austria's Minister for Science Rudolf Scholten. Mr. Rushdie's has lived and travelled in secrecy since 1989, when Iran condemned him to death for his novel The Satanic Verses. Mr. Rushdie and Mr. Scholten also attended a birthday party Sunday for an Austrian artist. It was Mr. Rushdie's fourth visit to Austria smos

#### Briton accused. of promoting child sex

OLONGAPO, Philippines

(R) — A 48-year-old British

travel agent accused of promoting child prostitution in the Philippines denied the charge Monday saying all he was interested in was a "safe family holiday." Michael Clarke, 48, from Eastbourne in the country of Sussex, & pleaded not guilty at a pre-liminary hearing in a court in the town of Olongapo, north of Manila. He is charged with trying to "promote, facilitate child prostitution by advertising sex tours," according to court documents. The law under which he was charged carries a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison. Mr. Clarke, who appeared in the ramshackle court in a pinstripe suit with a bow tie and red pocket handkerchief, told Judge Leopoldo Calderon he (: could not afford either a lawyer or to put up bail. The judge said he would appoint a lawyer for Mr. Clarke and would study an application for Mr. Clarke's 40,000 peso (\$1,540) bail to be halved. Mr. Clarke, who has been in detention since June, was escorted into court by two immigration bureau officials. Asked by reporters before the hearing if he was guilty, Mr. Clarke replied; "Not guilty, sir 100 per cent. It was a complete setup. Hook, line and sinker, it was a set-up." Mr. Clarke said he was a businessman and had only been interested in "a safe family holiday here." "Do I look like a pervert?" he

#### Wave-powered generator succumbs to storm

- Osprey I, said to be the first commercial wavepowered electricity generator, is slowly sinking into the Atlantic off Scotland under a pounding from a late summer storm, its builders said. They said they would start work on a second generator and would probably put it into the same site. The controversial and experimental generator, put into place earlier this month amid big publicity. was damaged by gentle sunmer swells within weeks. Its first real summer storm knocked it out of action, witnesses said. Applied Research and Technology Ltd., the Scottish company that designed the 19.8-metre (65foot) high power station, had hoped it would start generaling electricity by the autumn. Allan Thomson, managing director of the Invenessbased company, said it was not yet clear what had damaged the station's ballast tanks. "Obviously this is a disappointment for us, but it certainly isn't the end of the project," he said in a statement. "It is at times like this that you realise that your insurance premiums were well spent." Osprey stands for Ocean Swell Powered Renewable Energy Machine. Squat and yellow, the station weighs 8,000 tonnes and sports two crooked funnellike tubes on top.

#### Train wipes out 87 sheep near Berlin

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